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and Irelande, defendour
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and alſo of Ire-
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AN ACTE for the offices of Custos rotulorum, and clerkes
of the peace. Capit. I.



Where before this tyme the lord Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beyng, hath by reason of his office of the chauncellourshyp, the nominacion and appoyntment of the Custos rotulorum within all and euery shire of this realme of Englande wailes and other the kynges dominions, marches, and territories of the same, & that in lyke maner al and euery person, which had had & enioyed the saied office of the Custos rotulorum, hath had vntill now of late the nominacion and appoyntment of the clerke of the peace within suche shires wher he or they had and enioyed the saied office of the Custos rotulorum: And where now of late dyuers and sundry persons within this realme, beyng not learned nor yet mete ne able for lacke of knowlage and learnyng, to occupie and exercise the saied offices of the Custos rotulorum, and of the clerkeshyp of the peace, haue of late yeres by labour, frendeshyp, and meanes attayned and gotten for terme of their liues of the kynges maiestee, seuerall grauntes by his highnesse letters patentes to them made of the saied clerkships of the peace: By reason wherof, and for that the parties, to whome the saied seuerall grauntes haue ben so made and graunted, haue not ben sufficiently learned to exercise and occupie the same office and offices, many and sundry inditementes as well of felony murder and other offences and misdeemeanours, and the p[ro]cesse awarded vpon the same inditementes, haue not onely ben by reason therof made clerely frustrate and boide, sometyme by reason of the neglygent ingrossyng and keepyng of the saied inditementes, and sometyme by reason of the unbeselyng or rasure of the same inditementes, but also dyuers and sundry bargaynes and sales of diuers and sundry manors landes and tenementes had and made betwene partie and partie, haue ben made frustrate and boide, for lacke of sufficient inrollement of the same bargaynes and sales to be had and made by the clerkes of the peace, to the great hinderance of iustice, and to the disinheritaunce of diuers of the kynges moste louyng subiectes.

For reformation wherof, and to thentent that iustice maie be the better hereafter preferred, and that the same offices maie hereafter be occupied and exercised by suche persons, lerned in the lawes of this realme, as shalbe able to exercise and supplie the same: Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorites of the same, that no person or persons shall from hensforth be nominated and appoynted to the saied office and offices of the Custos rotulorum within any shyre of this realme of Englande wailes and other the kynges dominions marches or territories of the same, but suche as shall haue a bill signed with the kynges hande for the same, whiche bill signed

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Shall be a sufficient warrant by the auctoritee abovesaid, to the said lord chauncellour of Englande, and lord keeper of the great seale, for the tyme being, to make from tyme to tyme commission and commissions, assignyng and auctorisyng therby the same person to be Custos rotulorum, vntyll the kyng hath by an other bill assigned with his owne hande, appoynted and ordeined one other person to haue occupie and exercise the same office of the Custos rotulorum, and that the said person appoynted and assigned to be Custos rotulorum, as is abovesaid, shall and maie occupie exercise and enioye the same office of the Custos rotulorum by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, lerned in the lawes of this realme, and mete and able to supplie the said office, accoꝝdyng to the tenour of the said grant or commission.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritee of this present parliament, that euery Custos rotulorum for the tyme being, shall at all tymes hereafter in euery shire of this realme, wales, and other the kynges dominions marches and territories of the same, nominate elect appoynt and assigne all and euery person and persons, whiche hereafter shall be clerkes of the peace within any of the said shires of this realme of Englande, wales and other the kynges dominions marches and territories of the same, and to gyue and graunt the same office and offices of the clerkshyp of the peace to suche able person instructed in the lawes of this realme, as shall be able to exercise and occupie the same, to holde and enioye the same, durynge the tyme that the said Custos rotulorum shall occupie and exercise the said office of Custos rotulorum: so that the said clerke demean hym in the said office iustly and honestly: And that it shall be lefull to euery suche grauntees of the said clerkshyp to occupie and enioy the same office of the clerkshyp of the peace by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, instructed in the lawes of this realme, so that the same deputie be admitted taken and reputed by the said Custos rotulorum, to be sufficient and able to exercise occupie keepe and enioye the same office of the clerkshyp of the peace.

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Provided also and be it enacted by auctoritee abovesaid, that the thebishop of Yorke the byshop of Durham, the byshop of Ely, and euery of their successours, and all and euery suche person and persones, corporations and bodie corporated, to whome the kynges maiestee, or any of his noble progenitours by his or theyr letters patentes, haue geuen and
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granted any libertie and auctoritee, or otherwise haue auctoritee by other lawfull meanes or waies to ordeyne make and constitute any of the saied officers of Custos rotulorum or clerke of the peace within any countypalentyne or other place, shall and maie haue and enioye the same libertie and auctoritee, accoꝝdyng as they haue had & enioyed the same: any thyng in this present acte had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte for the partition of Hounslow Heath. Cap. ii.



Where the kynges maiestee is at this presente seysed of one estate of inheritance of the waste ground and soyle commonly called Hounslow heathe, conteynyng in it selfe foure thousande two hundrethe four score thirtene acres and one roode, lyng and extendyng into the fieldes parishes and hamelettes of Istelworth, Braynford end, Twykenham, Heston, Feltham, Harlington, Craynefeld, Harmondsworth, Stanwell, Hanworth, Bedfounte, Hampton Hounslow, and Coudyngton, in his graces countie of Midd. His highnesse moste prudently consyderyng, that as the barrenesse and infertulitee therof by wante of dyligence and industrie of men necessarily required for the amendemente or mayntenaunce of any grounde, that shall byng forth his fruite, breedeth as well scarsitee and lacke of all maner of graine grasse woode and other necessary thynges amonges his graces subiectes the inhabitantes of the saied parishes, as also is the veray original mother and continuall nurse of derthe of thynges amonges his people dwellyng in the confines of the same: Euen so the conuersion thereof into tillage and seuerall pasture, by mennes labour and peines, besides that it shall be an exile of idlenesse in those parties, muste of necessitee cause and byng furthe to al his saied subiectes plentie and aboundaunce of al the thynges aboue remembred. And albeit his highnesse might iustely by the auncient lawes of this his realme approue to his owne peculiar profit and aduantage a great parte of the same waste and heath, neuerthelesse his maiestee most graciously tenderyng more the common weale of his subiectes there, than the aduancement of his owne commoditie, hath not all onely all redie to his great costes and charges caused diuerse of his counsell, and others of his officers and ministers, by vertue of his graces commission in that behalfe to them directed, to repaire thither, to viewe surueie and consider the said wast and heathe, and thereupon to assigne out by metes and boundes to euery of the saied parishes, a conueniente parte and porcion of the same, and out of those partes and porcions by lotte to appoynte in seueraltee to euery inhabitant within the saied parishes and hamelettes, suche quantitee of the saied heathe, as by the discrecion of the saied commissioners was thought mete and conuenient, hauyng a speciall regarde to the noumbre of the inhabitauntes in euery parishe, and to the noumbre of acres of heath

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limited to euery of the saied hamelettes and parishes, but also is contented and pleased at the humble petition and suite of his saied subiectes, to whom and their posteritee the commoditee therof shal specially redound, that it be enacted by his highnesse, as hereafter ensueth.

Wherfore be it ordeyned enacted and established by the kynge, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that suche parte and so muche of the saied wast and heathe, wherof his grace is now seased, or at any tyme hereafter shal be seased of one estate or inheritance, as shal be at any tyme hereafter by his graces commissioners or fower of them heretofore named, or hereafter to be named, certified vnder their handes and seales, into his highnes courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crowne, to be mete and conuenient to be conuerted vsed or occupied into tillage pasture meadowe or other seuerall ground, shal from hensforth immediately bee and remaine perpetually copihold land, and shalbe demed and adiudged of the nature qualitee and condicion of copiholde lande to all intentes constructions and purposes. And that euery tenant inhabitante resiaunt and other, theyr heyres successours and assignes, and the heyres successours and assignes of euery of them, shal haue and enioye suche right title interest possession remainder and reuercion of and in the porcion and part of the saied wast and heath, to them or any of them by the saied commissioners assigned or to be assigned, as shal be by the saied commissioners, or fower of them at the leaste by copy to them or any of them to be had and made, declared or expessed, and the same shal be certified into the saied court of augmentacions, vnder their handes and seales.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee afoze saied, that all and euery tenaunt inhabitaunt and resiaunte, and other aboue remembred, shal immediately after certificate made (as is afoze saied) be demed adiudged and taken to be tenaunt by copy of court rolle of the part and porcion to them or any of them (as is afoze saied) allotted and graunted by copy of courte rolle, to suche manour or lordship beyng within the saied parishes and hamelettes, or any of them, as the saied commissioners, or fower of them at the least vpon the saied certificate, shal vnder their handes and seales assigne and apoynt them or any of them vnto, and accorde to the tenour of the copy of court rolle to him or them made of the same. And that after assignement and certificate made (as is afoze saied) the same partes and porcions shal be taken had and reputed to all intentes perpetually, as onely membes and parcelles of the manour or lordshippe, wherbnto they are so appoynted and assigned. And that the steward for the tyme beyng of any suche manours or lordshippes, wherbnto any parte or porcion of the saied heathe or waste shal be, by the said commissioners or foure of them, assigned vnto, shal after certificate therof (as is afoze saied) haue full power and auctoritee from tyme to tyme as
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the case shall iustly require, to let and graunt the same by copie of courte rolle, to any person or persons, to holde the same partes and porcions, accordyng to the estate and interestes prescribed in their copies, at the wyll of the lord, accordyng to the custome of the manour or lordeshyp, wherevnto the saied partes and porcions are (as is abovesaid) assigned or appointed to appertene. And also that al customes vsages condicions and ordinaunces, whiche the saied commissioners, or foure of them at the least, shal at any tyme hereafter prescribe orde decree or make concernyng any parte or parcell of the saied waste or heathe, shalbe as good firme and stable in the lawe, beyng certified vnder the handes and seales of the saied commissioners, or foure of them at the lease, into the saied courte (as is aforesaid) to all purposes and effectes, as if they and euery of them were particularly recited and enacted by auctoritee of this parliament.

Provided alwaies, that if any suche person or persons, to whom any parte of the saied waste and heath shal be allotted, do other refuse to take by copie of courte rolle the parte and porcion to hym allotted assigned or letten, or to be allotted assigned or letten, as is aforesaid, or elles refuse to conuerthe his saied parte or porcion into tillage or pasture, and in suche sort to improve the same, within suche tyme as to hym or them shalbe prescribed or assigned by the saied commissioners, or foure of them at the least: that than suche person and persons, as he or shall be tenaunt for terme of lyfe, for terme of yerres or at will, of suche mese cotage or lande, in respect wherof the saied parte and porcion is or shall be allotted or assigned, shall and maie take haue and receiue of the saied stewardes the saied parte and porcion of the saied waste, to hold at the will of the lord after the custome of the saied manour or lordeshyppe, for terme of twenty one yerres, the remaynder therof, after the ende and determinacion of the said lease of .xxi. yerres to the owner of the said mese cotage or landes: to holde to hym his heyres and assignes at the wyll of the lord, after the custome of the saied manour.

And be it further enacted by the saied auctoritee, that if the saied lessee refuse that to take (as is abovesaid) that than any other the kynges subiectes bozne vnder his graces obedience, shall and maie take haue and receiue the same parte and porcion of the saied waste (as is abovesaid) for terme of .xxi. yerres, with lyke remaynder to the saied owner, as is abovesaid.

Provided also, that all and euery suche lessee for terme of .xxi. yerres (as is abovesaid) shall and maie improve the saied parte and porcion of the saied waste and heathe to hym letten by copie of courte rolle, duryng the saied .xxi. yerres, without any interrupcion of any owner of any suche mese cotage or land, any surrendre discharge determinacion or forfaiture of his or their interest estates or termes of and in any suche mese cotage or lande not withstandyng.

An acte

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AN ACTE for the amendyng of the high waie besides Chester,
called Hunteyngton lane. Cap. iiii.

Where as the kynges maiestees high waie adioynnyng to the citie of Chester, called Hunteyngton lane, by the space of two miles and an halfe in length, or theraboutes, was of late depe daungerous and sore for any of the kynges subiectes to trauaile other on foote or on horsebacke, with waine or other cariage, and specially in the winter season: whiche waie is nowe well amended and repaired, so that the kynges subiectes maie easily passe and repasse through the saied high waie, towarde and from the saied citie of Chester. And for as muche as the saied high waie can not alwaies so continue in sufficient amendement, without the same be continually looked vnto and repaired: For the continuall maynteynance wherof, it maie please the kynges highnesse, that it maie be enacted by his highnesse, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comons of this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorytee of the same, that from henceforth it shall be lefull for syr William Stanley and syr Hugh Calueley knightes, & the heires males of their two bodieis laufullly begotten, beyng of full age, and for lacke of suche heires males, or in default of them or either of them, or suche heires males beyng of full age, that it shall be lefull for the maire and the aldermen of the saied citie of Chester, and their successours for euer, to name and appoint any person or persones to susteyne amende and repaire the saied high waie frome tyme to tyme whan and as often as nede shall require, if the same person or persons will therunto agree. And the saied person or persons so named and appointed by the saied syr William Stanley and syr Hugh Calueley, or their heires males in fourme abovesaid, or for default of suche issue, by the saied maire and aldermen, or their successours of the saied citie of Chester, to haue free libertee durynge their tyme, to builde one house or cotage within the said high waie in some convenient place, and in the same the saied person to inhabite and dwell: and suche persone or persones so attendyng the reparacions of the saied hygh waie, shall haue also grasse pasture or feedyng for fiue kyne, or fiue other head of cattall in and vpon the saied high waie, and vpon the sides of the same, as farre as the saied high waie doeth extende, that is to witte, from a place called the Bothill, to a place called Butterbach bridge, cōteining by estimacion the space of the saied two myles and a halfe.

And further be it enacted, that if it fortune any suche person or persones as shall hereafter frome tyme to tyme be named and appointed in maner and fourme aforesaid, for and concernyng the sustentacion and amendement of the said high waie, to be remisse or negligent in amendyng any part therof whan nede shall require, that than and from thensforth it shall be lefull vnto the saied syr William Stanley and syr Hugh Calueley and theyr heires males in fourme aforesaid, and in default of them
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or they heires males, in fourme aforesaid, that it maie in like maner be lesful vnto the saied maire and aldermen aforesaid and their successours, to discharge and put from the saied house pasture and fedyng euery suche person or persons, as so shall be negligent or remisse, and to assigne and put in his place one other person sufficiently to serue for the amending of the said waie, accoꝝdyng to the true intent and meanyng of this estatute.

CAN ACTE that all colleges, chauntries, frechapels &c. shall be
in the kynges maiesties disposicion. Cap. iiii.

In their most humble wise shewen vnto your roiall maiestee your louyng subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, that where there haue been dyuers colleges, frechapels, chauntries, hospitalles, fraternitees, brotherheddes, gyldeb, and stipendarie priestes, hauyng perpetuitee for euer within this your realme of Englande, wales, and the marches of the same: of whiche, some of them by the licence of your gracious highnes, or of your noble progenitours, and some of them by feoffementes and willes therevpon declared, and some of them by other deuises conueiaunce and assurance, haue ben incorpored establisshed founded erected had or made by diuers names surnames degrees and incorporacions, to haue had a perpetuall continuance for euer: liethens whiche tyme dyuers and many of the donours founders or patrons, or suche as pretend to be donours founders or patrons of the same colleges frechappelles chauntries hospitalles fraternitees brotherheddes gyldeb and stipendarie priestes, and diuerse other, of their auarous and couetous myndes, and of their owne auctoritee without your gracious licence, haue of late entered into the mansion houses manours landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, to the same colleges frechappelles chauntries hospitalles fraternitees brotherheddes gyldeb and stipendarie priestes belongyng and apperteynyng, and haue expelled the priestes wardens maysters ministers rulers gouernours and incumbentes of the same, out and from the possession therof, and they their heires and assignes doo occupie and enioy the saied mansion houses manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, and doo receyue take employe and conuert the rentes issues reuenues and profites of the same to their owne propre vles. And some of the saied priestes wardens maysters ministers rulers gouernours and incumbentes of the premisses, by couyn betwene them and the patrons donors or founders of the same, or of suche as pretende to be patrons donors or founders of the same or other, haue also of their owne auctoritee without your graces licence, bargayned and sold all or part of their manours landes and tenementes annexed vnto parteynyng or belongyng to their saied colleges frechapelles chauntries hospitalles and other the saied promotions: And some
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of the saied p̄iestes wardens maisters ministers rulers gouernours and incumbentes by the assent and consente of their patrons donours founders oꝛ suche other as haue had interest in the same: and some of the saied p̄iestes rulers gouernours and incumbentes, of theyꝝ owne auctoritee, without thassent of theyꝝ patrons, donours, oꝛ founders, oꝛ of suche oꝛ other as haue had interest in the same, haue nowe of late made leases foꝛ tēme of lyfe oꝛ liues, oꝛ foꝛ tēme of yeres of their saied freechappelles chauntries hospitalles fraternitees bꝛotherheddes gylδες oꝛ other the saied promotions, oꝛ of the manours, landes, tenementes, and other the p̄misses, oꝛ of part therof, and haue not reserued the accustomed rent and ferme, that the same hath ben vsed to be letten foꝛ. And some of them by couyn haue suffered recouerees, leuied fines, and made feoffementes, and other conueiances of all oꝛ part of their saied possessions: by reason wherof diuers of the saied freechappelles chauntries hospitalles and other promotions abouesaid, ben clerely dissolued extincted oꝛ determined contrary to the willes myndes intētes and purposes of the founders donours oꝛ patrons of the same, and to the great contempt of your maiestee, and of your auctoritee roiall. And we your graces moste louyng humble and obedient subiectes ryght well knowynge and percepyng the exceedyng great and incalculable charges costes and expences, whiche your maiestee hath had and susteyned, and daieily doeth susteyne, as wel foꝛ the mayntenance of these p̄sent warres agaynst the realmes of France and Scotlande, and foꝛ the p̄seruacion and defence of vs your saied subiectes, agaynst the inuasions and malice of your enemies the Frenchemen and Scottes (who daily do studie deuise and attempt to greue annoy and hurt your saied louyng subiectes) as also foꝛ the mayntenance of your moste roiall estate honour dignitee and estimation, which all your saied louyng subiectes of naturall duitie ben bounde to conserue and increase by al suche waies and meanes as they can deuise: dooe therfoꝛe with our wholle hopye petition and intercession moste humbly beseeche your maiestee, that it maie be enacted oꝛ deyned and establisshed by your hyghnesse, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this p̄sent parliament assembled, and by thauritee of the same, in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saie:

Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assente of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and of the commons in this p̄sent parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that all and singular the saied colleges freechappelles chauntries hospitalles fraternitees bꝛotherheddes guildes and other the saied promotions had oꝛ made to haue continuance in perpetuitee foꝛ euer, and beyng, oꝛ that hath oꝛ ought to be contributory oꝛ chargeable to the paiement of the first frutes and tenthes, accordyng to the lawes and statutes in that behalfe had and made, by what name surname degree oꝛ corporacion they oꝛ any of theym were founded oꝛ deyned establisshed erected named called oꝛ knownen, and
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al and singular the mancion houses manours orchardes gardens landes tenementes pastures woodes waters rentes reuercions seruices comons tithes pencions porcions churches chappels aduousons nominacions patronages annuitees rightes interestes entrees condicions leetes courtes libertees priuileges franchiseles & other hereditamentes what so euer they be, apperteynyng or belongyng, or that did apperteyne or belong, or were assigned or appointed to any suche college frechappell chauntrie hospital fraternitee brotherhed guilde stipendarie prieste or other the saied promotions or to any of them, or accepted knowen or taken as parte parcell or membre of them or of any of them, and to the said colleges chauntries frechappelles hospitalles fraternitee brotherhed guilde stipendarie priestes or other promotions, or to any of them vnitied or annexed, whiche betwene the .iii. daie of februarie, in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our saied soueraigne lord the kynge, and the .xxv. daie of Decembre, in the .xxvii. yere of the saied kynges reygne, by reason of any suche entree expulsion bargayne sale feoffement fyne recouerie lease or other conueiaunce therof had or made, ben dissolued determyned relinqwished or extyncted by any of the waies meanes or conueyances aforesaied, or otherwyle, other than suche of them as now be or were in the possession of our saied soueraigne lord the kynge, or that ben graunted or assured by his highnesse licence agreement consent or letters patentes to any other person or persones, or haue been lawefully obteyned or recouered by any person by any former right or title, without fraude or couyn, or by the kynges licence shall from hensforth (by auctoritee of this acte) bee adiudged and demed, and also be in the veracie actuall and reall possession and season of the kyng our soueraigne lord, and of his heires and successours for euer, in as large and ample maner as the saied priestes wardens maisters ministers gouernours rules or other incumbentes or any of them, or the patrons donours or founders of them or of any of them at any tyme sithens the saied .iii. daie of februarie in the .xxvii. yere aforesaied, had occuppyed or inoyed, or now hath occupieth or inoyeth the same, and as though all and singular the saied colleges chauntries hospitalles frechappelles fraternitees brotherheddes gyldees and other the saied promotions, and the said manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other the premisses what so euer they be, and euery of them, were in this present acte specially particularly and certaynely rehersted named and expessed by expresse wordes names surnames corporations titles and facultees, and in theyr natures kyndes and qualitees, the saied entrees expulsions bargaynes sales fines feoffementes recoueries or other assuraunce and conueiance, what so euer they be had or made (excepte befoze excepted) to the contrary not withstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that al covenantes bondes and grauntes of any rent or annuitee, made by any person or persons to any chauntrie prieste or other, hauyng any of the saied promotions

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motions, for or in consideration of any bargain graunte or other assurance, made of any of the said promotions, or any parte of them, shall be voyde and frustrate.

And ouer that it is ordeined and enacted, by thauctozitee aforesaid, that all and euery person and persons, bepng in life, whiche haue or hath for any summe of money to hym or them paid, bargained or sold any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, that dyd belonge or apperteyne to any of the said colleges chauntries frechappelles hospittalles fraternitees guildes or other promotions aforesaid dissolued relinquished or determined after the said. iiii. date of february, as is aboue said, shall repaie to suche person as so bought any of the said manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, or to his executours or assignes vpon a request therfore made, as muche money as he or they receyued for the sale of the thyng so by hym or them solde, and for non paiement therof suche person and persons as purchased or bought the said landes tenementes and other the premisses, or any parcell thereof, shall be enabled by the auctozitee aforesaid, to sue and mainteine an action of dette at the common lawes of this realme, against suche person or persons as so bargained or solde to hym or them, or to theyr testatour, any of the premisses belongyng to any college chauntie frechappel hospital fraternitee guild or other promotion aforesaid, in whiche action of dette none esloime protection or wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctozitee aboue said, that all and euery gyftes grauntes surrendres, and all and euery other assurances, had made or done to the kinges highnes of any of the said colleges chauntries and other the said promotions, or of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes to any of them annexed vnyted or belongyng, at any tyme betwene the said. iiii. date of february, in the said. xxvii. yere of our said soueraygne lord the kynges reigne, and the said. xxv. day of Decembre, in the. xxxvii. yere of his moste graciouse reigne, shalbe by the said auctozitee taken iudged and demed good and perfecte to all intentes constructions and purposes, as well ageinst the said chauntie priestes maisters wardeines minystrs gouernours rulers and other hauyng any other the said promotions their successours and assignes, and the successours and assignes of euery of them, as ageinst al and euery founder donour and patron therof and euery of them, and the heires and successours of them, and of euery of them.

And be it further enacted by thauctozitee aforesaid, that al and euery letters patentes made by the kynges highnesse to any personne or persones of any of the said colleges chauntries guildes fraternitees or other the said promotions, or of any part or parcell of the said colleges chauntries hospitals guildes fraternitees brotherheddes or other the said promotions: And that all fines feffementes recoueries and all other assurances and

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ces & conuiciences therof had oꝛ made by the kinges assent consent lycence oꝛ agreement, to any person oꝛ persons, by any chauntre pꝛieste mayster wardein minister ruler gouernour oꝛ other haupng any the saied promotions, of any of the saied colleges chauntries hospitalles gylde fraternitees bꝛotherheddes oꝛ any the saied promotions, oꝛ of any manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes belonging annexed oꝛ vnited to any of theim, oꝛ of any parte parcell oꝛ membꝛe of the same, shal stand and be in theyꝛ foꝛces and effectes, accoꝛdyng to theyꝛ tenures foꝛmes and effectes, and shal be (by the auctozitee of this act) good perfecte and awaylable as well agaynste the saied chauntre pꝛiestes wardeins maysters rulers gouernours and other haupnge any of the saied promotions, and their successours, and the successours of euery of theim, as agaynste the founders donours and patrons of the same, and the oꝛdinarie of theim, and euery of theim, and the heires and successours of euery of theim, any lawe statute oꝛdinaunce oꝛ other thyng to the contrary therof not withstanding.

And where also at this pꝛesent tyme there been a great noumbꝛe of chauntries hospitalles colleges frechappelles fraternitees bꝛotherheddes gylde and stipendarie pꝛiestes, haupng perpetuitee foꝛ euer, and beyng charged oꝛ chargeable to the paiement of the first frutes and tenthes, accoꝛdyng to the statute in that behalfe had and pꝛouided, and all colleges as well chargeable oꝛ not chargeable to the paiement of the firste frutes and tenthes, and sette lyng and beyng within this realme of Englande Wales and other the kynges dominions, oꝛ the marches of the same, hauing diuers manours landes tenementes possessions and other hereditamentes to the same assigned appoynted limited vnited oꝛ annexed by the patrons donours oꝛ founders of theim, whiche haue been established oꝛ deydned founded had oꝛ made by the saied patrones donours oꝛ founders foꝛ euer, to thentent that almesse to the pooꝛe people, and other good vertuous and charitable dedes mought be made doone and executed by the wardeins maisters ministers gouernours bꝛothers and incumbentes of the same: And foꝛ so muche as it is righte well knowen, that the saied gouernours wardens maisters ministers bꝛothers and incumbentes, oꝛ the greattest noumbꝛe of theim hytherto, haue not ne yet do vse exercyse oꝛder and rule theyꝛ saied chauntries hospitals colleges frechappelles and other the saied promotions, noꝛ the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the same belongyng, ne yet do bestowe expend and employ the issues rentes reuenues and pꝛofyttes of the same in almesse and other deedes of charitee accoꝛdyng to such vertuouse and godly ententes and purposes, as the saied chauntries frechappelles colleges hospitalles and oꝛther the saied promotions were first founded established erected oꝛ deined had made oꝛ incoꝛpoꝛated, to the greate displeasure of almighty god, & to the discontentacion of the kyng our soueraigne loꝛde. And foꝛ that that the kynges highnesse, of his mooste godly and blessed dysposicion enten-

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deeth to haue the premisses vlsed and exercysed to moze godly & vertuouse purposes, and to reduce and byng them into a moze decent and conuenient order for the commoditee and wealth of this his realme, and for the suretie of his subiectes of the same.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the kynges maiestee shall and maie at his hyghnesse will and pleasure from tyme to tyme hereafter, durynge his naturall life (whiche almighty god longe preserue) make and directe his graces commission or commissions vnder his great seale (euery suche commission to be had and made vpon a warrant signed with his graces hande) to suche numbze of persons, and into suche countie shires and places, as by his highnesse shalbe thought expedient and requisite, geuyng vnto the saied commissioners, or to two of them at the leaste, full power and auctoritee, by vertue of the same commission or commissions, for and in his highnesse name, to entre into all and singular suche and so many chauntries frechappelles hospitalles colleges and other the saied promotions, and into al and singular suche manours mansion houses meses landes tenementes pastures woodes waters rentes reuerfons seruices possessions and other hereditamentes what so euer they ben, or into any part or parcell therof, for and in the name seison and possession of all the hereditamentes annexed vntied belongyng or apperteynyng to any chauntie hospitall frechapell college fraternitee brotherhed guildoe or any other the saied promotions, or wherof any priestes prouocites gouernours rulers or other incumbentes of them or any of them, by what name surname degree title or corpozacion they and euery of them or any of them ben founded erected ordeyned established named called or knowen, nowe hath or enioyeth, or hereafter shall haue or enioye, to the saied chauntries hospitalles frechappelles colleges fraternitees brotherheddes guildes or other the saied promotions, beyng chargeable to the paymentes of the firste frutes and tenthes, and all colleges chargeable or not chargeable to the saied payement of firste frutes and tenthes, as is aforesaid, or to any of them, as shall be named expressed and appointed in the saied commission or commissions, and to seise and take the same chauntries hospitalles colleges frechappelles fraternitees brotherheddes guildes and other the saied promotions manours landes tenementes and other the premisses mencioned in the saied commission and commissions and in euery of them, and euery part parcell and membre of the same, into the kynges possession and handes: To haue and to holde the same to the kynges highnes and to his heires and successours for euer. And that the saied commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, maie enter into any parte or parcel of the saied chauntries hospitalles frechappelles colleges and other the saied promotions, manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes mencioned in any suche commission, for and in the name of all the chauntries colleges frechappelles and other the saied promotions manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes what so euer they be, annexed vntied belon-

belonging or apperteyning to any of the saied chauntries colleges chap-
pelles or other the saied promotions, and expresse mentioned and named
in any suche commission: whiche entree so had and made into part or par-
cell, for and in the name of all the premises mentioned in any suche com-
mission, that (by auctoritee of this acte) be of as good force value and ef-
fecte in the lawe, to all intentes respectes constructions and purposes, as
if the saied commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, had entred into all
and euery parte and parcell of the same chauntries hospitals frechappels
colleges and other the saied promotions, manours landes tenementes and
hereditamentes mentioned in any suche commission, althoughe the saied
chauntries and other the saied promotions, manours landes tenementes
and hereditamentes expresse within any suche commission, shall happen
to be in sundrie and seuerall towne places shires or counties within this
realme Wales and other the kynges dominions: And that vpon and by
any suche entree had and made by the saied commissioners, or by any two
of them at the least, into all, or into any parte or parcell in the name of all
the manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, to the
saied promotions or any of them vntied annexed perteyning, or in any
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other hereditamentes what so euer they be to the said promotions, men-
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nyng vntied or annexed, so entered into seised or taken, shall fourth with
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auctoritee of this acte, be vested adiudged and demed, and also be in the
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the kyng, and of his heires and successours for euer, as though al and sin-
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to be thereafter in the actuall and real possession and seison of our saied so-
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the saied commissioners, or two of them at the leaste, after such entree and
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missions so to them directed, shall certifie and retourne the saied commission and commissions, and euery of them (makynge mencion in wrytyng of their doinges in the same, accordyng to the wordes and auctoritee to them geuen by the saied commission) into the kynges courte of the chauncerie, at suche daie as shall be limited in the saied commission or commissions, there to remaine of recoorde for euer.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that as welles al and euery the saied chauntries hospitalles colleges frechappelles and other the saied promotions, and all the mansion houses manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, & other the premises, what so euer they be, and euery parte and parcell of them, whiche (by auctoritee and vertue of this act) ben vested adiudged and demed, and also shall be in the kynges possession and handes, as also all other the saied chauntries hospitalles colleges frechappelles and other the saied promotions, and all the manours mansion houses landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes what so euer they be, to them or any of them belongyng or apperteynyng, and euery parte and parcell thereof, whiche hereafter shall happen to come to his highnesse handes and possession by any suche entree seilour or takyng into his graces handes by commission or commissions (as is abouesaid) from and after the said entree seilour and takyng into his maiesties handes, shalbe in the order rule suruey and gouernance of our soueraigne lord the kynges courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and to be graunted letten and sette to ferme by the chauncellour officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as other manours landes and tenementes appoynted to the saied courte of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crowne, been to be graunted or letten: and that al the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, comyng and growyng of the premises, and of euery part thereof, shalbe taken and receiued to the kynges vse, by the officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme, as is vsed and had of other manours landes and tenementes, and of the issues reuenues and profittes of the same, committed to the order rule surueie and gouernance of the said court of thaugmentacions: any act statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all matters variANCES demaundes suites contentions and debates to be had or made of or for any matter or thyng, whereby the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes so appoynted to the saied courte of the Augmentacions, shall be charged asked demaunded or challenged, to the hurte detrimment or prejudice of the kyng, shall be hearde examined tried ended and determined by and in the said courte of Augmentacions, in suche fourme maner and condicion as other matters and causes, appoynted to the said courte, be sewed hearde examined and determined, or by suche other waies and meanes, as to the saied court shall seeme conuenient and mete for the

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And be it further ordeined and enacted by the said auctoritee, that al other matters variaunces contencions suites claimes and demaundes to be had made o: dooen betwene any of the kynges subiectes of fo: o: concerning the said manours landes tenementes and the other p:emisses o: any parte thereof, o: fo: any trespasse o: other offence touchyng the same: shall be sewed asked demaunded tried and determined at and by the common lawes of this realme, and accordyng to the rules o:ders and iudgemente of the common lawes and statutes of this realme, and not in the said courte of the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges croune: any lawe statute o:rdinance o: other thyng had made o: dooen to the contrary not withstandyng, and as thoughe the said courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges croune had neuer be had ne made.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritee afo:esaid, that all recoueries fines feoffementes and other conueiances to be hereafter had made dooen o: suffered fo: o: of any estate of inheritauce o: freehold, without the kynges maiestees assente consente o: agremente, by any of the said chauntry priestes wardeines maisters ministers gouernours rulers o: other, haupng any the said p:omocions of any the said chauntries colleges guildes fraternitees hospitals and other the said p:omocions, o: of any manours landes tenementes o: other hereditamentes, to the said chauntries colleges and other p:omocions vnited annexed belongyng o: apperteynyng, o: to any parte o: parcel of them, and beyng not had made dooen o: suffered to the kynges hyghnesse, shall be vtterly voide frustrate and of none effecte, as well agaynste the kynges maiestee as agaynste the successour and successours of euery suche chantrie prieste gouernours rulers and other haupng any of the said p:omocions and euery of them. Sauyng to all and euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, other then the maisters wardens ministers gouernours rulers priestes and incumbentes of the said chauntries hospitalles colleges frechappelles fraternitees brotherheddes guildes and other haupng any of the said p:omocions, o: any of theym, and the successours of them and of euery of them: and other than suche as be o: pretende to bee founders patrons o: donours of the p:emisses, o: of any of them, o: of any parte o: parcel thereof, their heires and successours and the heires and successours of euery of them: And other than suche person and persons, and their heyres successours and assignes, as claime o: pretend to haue any estate ryght title interest vse possession o: condicion of in o: to the p:emisses, o: any parte o: parcell thereof, by reason of any feoffement fyne bargayne and sale, o: by any other waies meanes o: conueiance to them made of any estate of freehold o: inheritance without the kynges assent consente o: agrement, by any of the said maisters wardens ministers gouernours rulers

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priestes and incumbentes, or by the founders donors or patrons of them or of any of them, all suche right title claime possession interest rétes annuities commodities commons offices fees leases lueries liuynges pensions porcions synodies prories dettes duties and other profittes, whiche they or any of them haue claime ought maie or might haue had in or to any of the premisses, or in of or to any parte or parcell therof, in suche lyke maner and condicion to all intentes respectes constructions and purposes, as if this act had neuer ben had nor made, and as though the said chauntries hospitalles colleges and other the said promotions had still continued and remained.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any of the said maisters wardens ministers rulers gouernours priestes incumbentes or owners of any such chauntie hospitall frechappell college fraternitee brotherhed guilde or other the promotions aforesaid, or of any of them, within one yere nexte before the .xxiii. daie of Nouembre, in the xxxvii. yere of our said soueraigne lord the kynges reigne, haue made or hereafter shall make any lease or graunt vnder his or their comon seale or other seale, or other wise for terme of yeres life or liues of theyr said chauntries hospitalles colleges frechappelles fraternitees brotherheddes guildes and other the said promotions, or of any parte therof, or of any manours landes tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, what so euer they be, to them or to any of them vnited or annexed belongyng or apperteynyng, or to them or any of them limited or appointed, which manours meles landes tenementes possessions or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, were not before the said lease for the more parte of .xx. yeres laste passed, set nor lette to ferme, but kept and reserued in the manurance tillage or occupation, or now be in the manurance tillage or occupation of the said maisters wardens ministers rulers gouernours priestes or incumbentes of the premisses, for the maintenance of hospitalitee and good housekepyng: Or within one yere nexte before the said .xxiii. daie of Nouembre, hath made, or hereafter shall make any lease or graunt for terme of liues, or for terme of yeres, of any of the said manours meles landes tenementes possessions hereditamentes or other the premisses, what so euer they be, whereof and in the whiche any estate or interest for terme of lyfe yere or yeres, at the tyme of makyng any suche graunte or lease, than had or shall haue his beyng and continuance, and than was or shall not be determined finished or expired: Or within one yere next before the said .xxiii. daie of Nouembre, hath made or hereafter dooe make any lease or graunt for terme of life or for terme of yeres of any of the said manours meles landes tenementes possessions or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, vpon whiche leases and grauntes the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be yelden and reserued by the space of .xx. yeres next before the said .xxiii. daie of Nouembre, be not or shall not be ther vpon reserued and yelden: Or if any of the said priestes maisters wardens ministers

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masters or other the said gouernours or rulers sithe the said .xxiii. daie of Nouembze, hath made any bargeine or sale of his or their woddess, whiche woddess be yet growyng and standyng, that than all and euery suche lease and graunt of any of the p̄misses, and euery suche bargeine and sale of wodde or woddess shalbe vtterly boide and of none effect.

PROVIDED alwaie and bee it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that this act, or any thyng therein contened, shall not extende to any manours landes tenementes possessions or hereditamētes, which the said masters wardeines ministers chantrie priestes incumbentes, or other the said gouernours or rulers of the p̄misses or of any of theim, hath or is or hereafter shal haue or be possessed or leased of, in fee simple fee taile general or special, for terme of life, terme of yeres, or otherwise, to his or their owne p̄prie vses by inheritaunce or purchas, and not beyng vnited or annexed to his or their said colleges hospitalles freechappels or other the said promotions, nor to any manours landes tenementes possessions rentes annuities, or yerely pencion or pencions, of any yerely summe or summes of money, heretofore geuen or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or graunted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, to any of the said masters wardeins ministers chantrie priestes incumbentes gouernours or rulers of the p̄misses, or of any of them, for terme of life onely, vnder his great seale of England, or vnder the seale of the augmentacion of the reuenues of the kynges crowne: but that all and euery the said masters wardeins ministers chauntrie priestes incumbentes and other the gouernours and rulers aforesaid, and euery of them, shal and maie haue holde possesse enjoye and kepe to theyr owne p̄prie vses all and singular suche manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes rentes annuities and yerely pencions, not being annexed or vnited to his or their said promotions, accordyng to suche interest estate title and inheritance, as they or any of theim hath or shall haue of and in the same: any thyng contened in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng, and as thoughe this acte had neuer be had ne made.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that euery of the said masters wardeins ministers chauntrie priestes incumbentes and other the said gouernours and rulers, from whome the kynges highnes, by vertue of this acte, shall haue take or seise any of his or their manours landes tenementes possessions or other hereditamentes by any of the waies or meanes aforesaid, without geuyng or assuryng any recompence for the same, that they and euery of theim from thensforth shal yerely be defalked abated and allowed out of their yerely tenthes hereafter to be paied, and also of their first fruites, as they shal happen hereafter to be due to the kyng in his court of first fruites and tenthes, so much money, and after suche rate and porcion, as the same manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, whiche by auctoritee of this acte shall come to the kynges handes and possession by any of the waies or meanes

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aforesaid, were assessed valued rated and rated at, in and by the taxation of the tenthes and firste frutes nowe remaynyng of recorde in the saied courte of fyft frutes and tenthes by force of the statute thereof made had and prouided.

PROVIDED alwaie and be it ordeined by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all and euery persone and persones, that befoze the makynge of this acte, had oꝛ enioyed any maner of annuities oꝛ rente, to bee taken oꝛ had of any of the saied chantries hospitalles colleges oꝛ other promotions aforesaid, shall haue and enioye the same in lyke maner and forme as they should oꝛ ought to haue done, if the saied chantries hospitalles colleges and other the saied promotions had stil remayned and continued in esse and full being: any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

PROVIDED also and be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any person oꝛ persons haue rustely and truely, without fraude and couyn, payed oꝛ geuen any summes of money to any suche mayster warden minister gouernour ruler, oꝛ to any other haupng any of the said promotions, foꝛ the bargaine and sale of any woodes, growynge in and vpon any of the premisses and not yet felled (as is aforesaid) whiche bargaine and sale by this acte is made voyde and of none effect, that the same bier, their executours oꝛ assignes, vpon requeste by hym oꝛ them made to the Chauncellour of the courte of Augmentacions, foꝛ the tyme beyng, shalbe wel and truely contented and repared of and with the kynges treasure, remaining in the handes of the Tresaurour of the said court of Augmentacions, foꝛ the tyme beyng, by the handes of the saied Chauncellour Tresourer oꝛ other officers of the same courte of Augmentacions, within one yere after any such request, and after the dissolution of the said chauntries colleges hospitalles and other the saied promotions, oꝛ after the seuerance of any parte of them: oꝛ els the saied barganees and byers of the saied wodde, shall haue and enioye, cutte take and carie awaie the same wooddes, so beyng by hym oꝛ them boughte: any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any suche gouernour ruler warden maister minister oꝛ other haupng any the saied spirituall promotions, haue oꝛ shall compounde foꝛ their fyfte frutes foꝛ any suche spirituall promotions accoꝛdyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme: And the daies of payement of any parte thereof at the entree and seisure therof, as is aboue saied, shall not than be expired oꝛ paste, that all summes of money so to be paieable at any daie oꝛ dates then to come shall cease and be not paid asked oꝛ demaunded, any bonde recognisance suertie oꝛ other thyng had oꝛ made to the contrary not withstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaie and be it enacted, that all such rentes serres issues
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profittes and other summes of money, due and payable for any cause or matter concerning the premises, or any of them, in the kynges court of his Eschequer, shall continue, and be continually and yerely leuied charged and paid in the same court, in such maner and forme as heretofore haue been used: any lawe custome vntoe of possession in the kynges highnes or other thyng to the contrary notwithstanding, and as though the said promociouns manours landes tenementes and the other premises had not comen to the kynges handes or possession.

An acte that the inhabitantes of London, hauing goodes to the value of
CCCC. markes, male passe in atteintes . . . Cap. v.



Humbly beseechen your moste excellent maiestee your obedient subiectes, the maire and commonalties of your citie of London, that where as amonges diuers and sundry libertees and franchises, graunted by your moste noble progenitours to the citie of London, for diuerse reasonable respectes and consideracions in their charters expressed and mencioned, one libertee is, that all inquisicions to be taken by the Iustices and ministers of your highnes, of the citezens of London, shall be taken at saint Martines the Graunde, or at the Gylde hal of the said citie of London, and not els where, Excepte inquisicions befoze the Iustices in Eyre at the towre of London, and for the deliuerie of the gaole of Newgate, as in the charters of your said noble progenytours, to the said citezens of London graunted, and by your maiestee confirmed, playnly apperethe. whiche libertees the same citezens haue continually, sins the said grantes therof to them made, exercised used and enioyed accordyngly, as by diuers matters of recozde in your highe courtes at westminster evidently appereth. And where also an acte of parlament, concernynge periurie and punishment of vnttrue verdictes, was made and established in the .xxiii. yere of your moste gracious reigne, amonges other than and there made and ordeyned, that vpon euery vnttrue verdict, made after the said acte betweene partee and partee, in any suite plainte or demaunde made, and verdict ther vpon geuen, extending to the value of fourty poundes, and not concernynge the leoperdie of mans life, the partie greued by the same verdict, shall haue a writte of Atteincte agaynst euery person, whiche after the said acte wolde geue an vnttrue verdict, And that in the said Atteincte there shoulde bee awarded agaynst the petite Jurie, the partie, and the graunde Jurie processe of Sum Resum and distresse infinites whiche graunde Jurie shoulde bee in like nombze as the graunde Jurie is now in Atteincte, and that euery of them that shall passe in the same, shal haue landes and tenementes to the value of twenty markes by yere of freholde out of sufficient demeane. And also it was then further enacted, and established, that at atteintes after wardes to be taken, shal be

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be taken before your maiestee in your bench, or afore your Justices of your common place, and in none other court: And that the Assize shall be graunted by the discrecion of the Justices vpon the distresse.

And for as muche as the saied acte can not be duely put in execucion by the citelins of the saied citie for lacke of sufficient persons hauing landes and tenementes to the cleere yerely value of .xx. markes out of auncient demeane, accoꝝdyng to the tenour of the saied acte, and also that the apperance of the said citelins, to be had out of the said citie, is against the libertees and fraunchises of the same citie, and no prouiso made within the saied acte for the same citelins to enioye their auncient libertees and priuileges before reherled, It maie therefore please your maiestee, of your moste abundaunt grace, to condescende, that it maie bee enacted by your highnesse, and by the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that all and euery maner person and persones, beyng citelins of your saied citie, and beyng in value of gooddes and cattalles to the summe of .CCCC. markes, maie be impanelled and retourned, by the Shireffes of your saied citie in euery atteinct hereafter to be broughite by vertue of the saied statute, vpon verdictes hereafter to be geuen by your saied citelins, without any challeng for the insufficiencie of freholde of any of them, to bee made by any of the saied parties, in any suche Atteincte, vpon suche verdictes hereafter to be geuen. And that the Justices for the tyme beyng, shall sye only at the Gylde hall of the same citie, or at some other conuenient place within the same citie, and there to sweare the grande Iurie, and to take the verdictes in suche atteinctes hereafter to be taken. And that the saied citelins hereafter be not compelled nor distreigned to appere in any suche atteinct, hereafter to be taken vpon any vntrue verdicte, geuen or hereafter to bee geuen in London, but onely within the limittes of the saied citie, of and for the triall of the same: The saied former act, or any thyng therein contened to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

An acte against burning of frames. Cap. vi.



Where diuers and sundry malicious and envious persons, beyng men of euill and peruerse dispositions, and seduced by the instigacion of the deuil, and minding the hurt vndoing and unpouerishment of diuers of the kynges true and feithful subiectes, as ennemies to the common wealth of this realme, and as no true or obedient subiectes vnto the kynges maiestee, of theyr malicious and wicked myndes, haue of late inuented and practised a newe damnable kinde of vice displeasing and dampnifying of the kynges true subiectes and the comon welch of this realme, as in secrete burning of frames of tymbre prepared and made by the owners therof redie to be let vp and edified for houses, cutting out of hed-

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des and dampnes of pooles motes stewes and seuerall waters, cuttyng of cunduit heddes or cunduit pypes, burning of waines and cartes laden with coles or other goodes, burnyng of heapes of wodde, cutte felled and prepared for makynge of coles, cuttyng out of beastes tonges, cuttyng of the eares of the kynges subiectes, barkyng of appull trees, peare trees, & other fruite trees, and dyuers other lyke kyndes of miserable offences, to the great displeasure of almighty God, and of the kynges maiestie, and to the most euil and pernicious example, that hath ben seene in this realme. For remedy wherof be it enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, at any time after the first daie of Maie next ensuyng, maliciously, vnlawfully willyngly and secretly burne or cause to be burned, cutte or cause to be cutte or distroied any frame or frames of timber of any other person or persons, made and prepared, or hereafter to be made or prepared, for or towarde the makynge of any house or houses, so that the same shall not be able for the purpose, for the which it was prepared: that then euery suche act and actes so to be committed perpetrated and done by any person or persons, shall be demed and adiudged felonie: and the offendour or offendours therein, beyng lawfully conuicted or atteincted, shall haue and suffre peynes of deathe, and shall lose and forfeite gooddes and cattalles for euer, and the profites of their landes tenementes and hereditamentes for terme of his or their liues.

Provided alwaies, that suche atteynder shall be no auoydyng of any womans dower, ne corruption of bloude agaynste the heire or heyres of suche offendour or offendours, but be it enacted, that the wyfe and wifes of such offendour or offendours shall haue their dowers: and that suche heire and heyres shall after the deceasse of the said offendour haue and enioy the said landes tenementes and hereditamentes of suche offendour and offendours, in like maner and forme, as they shuld haue had, if this acte, or any suche attender had neuer be had ne made. And that the heire or heyres, hauyng the said landes tenementes or hereditamentes of any estate of inheritauce, shall yelde vnto the partie greued for suche offence or offences his damages of the profittes of the said landes tenementes or hereditamentes of suche offendour or offendours, wherevnto he shall be inheritable by action of dette, to be taken in the common bench at westminster, in whiche action no wager of lawe essoin ne protection shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any person or persones, after the said first daie of Maie, maliciously wilfully and vnlawfully cut, or cause to be cutte out the hedde or heddes dampne or dampnes of any pondees pooles motes stewes or other seuerall waters, or the hed or heddes, pipe or pipes of any conduite or conduites of any other person or persons: or maliciously willyngly and vnlawfully, after the said first daie of Maie, burne or cause to be burned any waine or waines, carte or cartes laden or to be laden with coles, or any other gooddes

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oꝛ marchandises of any other person oꝛ persons: oꝛ maliciously willyng-
ly and vnlawfully after the saied fyrst daie of Maie, do burne oꝛ cause to
be burned any heape oꝛ heapes of wodde of any other person oꝛ persons,
pꝛepared cutte and felled, oꝛ to bee pꝛepared cutte oꝛ felled, foꝛ makyng
of coles billetes oꝛ tallwodde: oꝛ maliciously vnlawfully and willyngly,
after the saied fyrst daie of Maie, cutte out oꝛ cause to be cut out the tunge
oꝛ tungen of any tame beast oꝛ beastes, of any other person oꝛ persons, the
saied beast than beyng in lyfe: oꝛ maliciously willyngly oꝛ vnlawfully
after the saied fyrst daie of Maie, cutte oꝛ cause to be cutte of the eare oꝛ
eares of any of the kynges subiectes, otherwise than by auctoritee of the
lawe, chaunce medley, sodcynne affraie, oꝛ auenture: oꝛ after the saied
daie maliciously willyngly oꝛ vnlawfully barke any appull trees peare
trees oꝛ other fruite trees of any other person oꝛ persons: that than euery
suche offendour and offendours, shall not only lose and foꝛsaite vnto the
partie greued treble damages foꝛ suche offence oꝛ offences, the same to be
recouered by action of trespassse, to be taken at the common lawe, but also
shall lose and foꝛsaite to the kynges maiestee, and his heyres, foꝛ euery
suche offence, ten poundes sterlinges in name of a fine.

¶ An acte foꝛ abrogacion of sixe weekes session. Cap. vii.

Where in the parliament begun at Westminster, the. xxi.
daie of Januarie, in the. xxxiii. yere of the kynges maiestees
reigne, it was enacted amongst other thynges, that all and
singular the iustices of peace, within any shire citie borough
oꝛ place within this realme of Englande wales oꝛ any other the kynges
dominions, shoulde yerely at the generall sessions of the peace, to be hol-
den next after the feast of Easter, assemble them selues togither, that is to
saie, euery nombꝛe of them within the limittes of theyꝝ coꝛmissions, wher-
in they be named iustices of peace: and at and vpon suche their assemble,
shulde diligently togither amonges them selues perbse examine studie
and knowe the effectes and true intentes of the lawes statutes oꝛdina-
ces and pꝛouisions hereafter specified: That is to saie, the lawes and sta-
tutes heretofore made and pꝛouided, concernyng oꝛ in any wise touchyng
vacabundes, reteynors, geupug lueries, signes, tokens oꝛ badges, main-
teinaunce, imbracerie, bowstaues, and archerie, vnlawfull games, foꝛ-
stallers and regratours, bittaille bittailers, and inholders, and euery of
them, and of all statutes and lawes made in the same parliament, tou-
chyng the same oꝛ any of them: And after the perblyng and deliberate
vnderstandyng of the saied lawes statutes and oꝛdinances, they shoulde
deuise amonges them selues, howe the same might be best put in due and
iuste execucion and foꝛ the better procedyng therein, they shoulde diuide
and seuer them selues, limittynge and assignyng alwaies the noumbꝛe of
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notes, or number of townes & villages by their discretions: And that the said Justices so deuised, or two of them at the least, shuld in euery quarter of the yere, from and after the said feast of Easter then next comyng, hold and kepe, within the limites of their diuisions, one sessions, beside the general quarter sessions for the peace: The said one sessions to be kept & holden alwaies within the limites of their diuision, at and in one such date, as by them shuld be appoynted: so that it be alwaies sixe weekes at the least before the quarter sessions. And that all procelles and procedynges in euery of the said sessions so to be holden, shuld be continued from sessions to sessions. And that the said Justices, or two of them at the least, at & in euery suche sessions, shulde haue power and auctoritee to enquire as well by the othes of .xii. men, inhabitantes within the limites of their diuision, as by any informacion geuen to them by any person or persones, of all defaultes offences and contemptes doone and committed, or than hereafter to be doone or committed agaynst the fourme of euery of the statutes aforesaid, and to here and determine the same: And shoulde also haue power and auctoritee vpon euery presentment or informacion touchinge the premisses or any of them, to make procelle by Venire facias, one Capias, and an Exigent, vnder the seales of the same Justices, or two of them, agaynst euery suche person and persons, agaynst whom any suche informacion or presentment shoulde be had for their apperaunce afoze them in their sessions, to be holden as is aforesaid, to answer to suche informacion or presentment as shuld be there had or made. And if the person or persones accused by informacion or presentment, shoulde be conuicted vpon any suche informacion or presentment by confession or verditte of .xii. men, that than the said Justices of peace, or two of them, afoze whome suche conuiction shoulde be had, shoulde haue power and auctoritee, to geue iudgement agaynst euery suche offender and offenders so conuicted of suche peynes by imprisonment, or such peynes losses and forfaytures of money or bothe, or any of them, as are limited in the said seuerall statutes for suche offences, whereof they shoulde be so conuicted, and cause execution therof to be made and had accordyngly. And also the said Justices of peace, or two of them, at and in their said Sessions to bee holden (as is aforesaid) shoulde haue power and auctoritee to correcte and refourme the panelles of Iuries for any inquiries to bee made afoze them touchyng the said statutes or any of them, in lyke maner & forme as Justices of Gaole deliuerie and of peace might do in their sessions by vertue of a statute made thereof, in the thyrde yere of our moste dread soveraigne lord the kynges reigne that now is. And that the Shireffe and other ministers, haupyng power to retourne panels, shulde make his and their retournes accordyng to suche reformation and correction of the Justices aforesaid, vppon the peyne limited by the same statute, as by the same statute, made in the said .xxiii. yere of the kynges maiestees reigne that now is, moze playnly dooeth and maie appere.

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And for as muche as the kynges moste louyng subiectes are muche trauailed and otherwise encumbred in compynge and keepynge of the saied sixe wekes sessions, to th eir costes charges and vniquietnesse, be it therefore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this p[re]sent parliament assembled, and by thaucto[ri]tee of the same, that the saied former acte, made in the saied xxxiii. yere of the kynges maiesties reigne, and all o[r]dina[n]tes articles p[ro]uisions & thynge therein conteyned, shall be from hensforth repealed adnulled and vtterly voyde and of none effecte, to all intentes, constructions and purposes. And that all and euery article therein conteyned, shall be, by vertue hereof, inquired of before all Justices of peace, at their auncient quarter sessions: And that the same Justices of peace, at their saied quarter sessions, shall haue lyke power and aucto[ri]tee, by vertue hereof to punyssh and reforme all and euery suche offence and offences in lyke maner and fourme as they myght haue doone by vertue of the saied former acte, made in the saied xxxiii. yere of the kynges reigne.

An acte that any indictment lackyng these wordes, *vi et armis*, shall be good and sufficient in the lawe. Cap. viii.



Where before this tyme it was and yet is commonlye vsed in al indictementes and inquisicions of treason murder felonie trespass, and dyuers other, to haue comprised & put in euery the same indictementes and inquisicions these wordes, *vi & armis*, and in diuers of the same indictementes to declare the maner of the force and armes. That is to saie, *vi & armis*, uidelicet *baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis*, o[r] suche other like wordes in effecte, where of truth the parties so indicted had no maner of suche weapons at the tyme of the saied offence committed and done: yet in defaulte and lacke of the same wordes, the saied indictementes were and yet be taken as voide in the lawe, for to put any person to aunswere therevnto: and the partie o[r] parties so indicted for lacke of the same wordes, not beyng comprised and put in the saied indictementes, haue taken aduantage therof, and haue auoided the same indictementes by writte o[r] writtes of Error, o[r] by plee vpon his o[r] their apperaunce, as the same case did require. For reformation whereof, be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and of the commons in this p[re]sent parliament assembled, and by the aucto[ri]tee of the same, that from the feast of the natiuitee of our lord god next comynge, these wordes, *vi & armis*, uidelicet, *cum baculis cultellis arcubus & sagittis*, o[r] suche other like, shall not of necessitee be put o[r] comprised in any inquisicion o[r] indictement: no[r] that the partie o[r] parties beyng hereafter indicted of any offence, shall haue o[r] take any aduantage by writte o[r] writtes of Error plee o[r] otherwyle to adnull o[r] auoyde any suche inquisicion o[r] in-

oꝛ indictement, foꝛ that that the ſaied woꝛdes, ui & armis uidelicet baculis cultellis arcubus & ſagittis, oꝛ any of the ſame oꝛ lyke woꝛdes, ſhall not be put oꝛ compꝛiſed in the ſaied inquiſicions oꝛ indictementes: But that the ſame inquiſicions oꝛ indictementes, and euery of them, lackyng the ſaied woꝛdes, ui & armis, uidelicet baculis cultellis arcubus & ſagittis, oꝛ any of them, ſhal from thenſefoꝛth, by the auctoꝛitee afoꝛe ſaied, be taken demed & adiudged to all intetes conſtructions and purpoſes, as good and effectuaꝛ all in the lawe, as the ſame inquiſicions and indictementes, haupnge the ſaied woꝛdes, ui & armis, uidelicet baculis cultellis arcubus & ſagittis, compꝛiſed and put in euery of the ſame inquiſicions and indictementes were oꝛ heretofore haue ben take demed oꝛ adiudged: any law vſage oꝛ cuſtome heretofore had and vſed to the contrary not withſtandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoꝛitee afoꝛeſaied, that if any perſon oꝛ perſons, at any tyme after the ſaied feaſt of the Natiuitee of our loꝛde god nexte commyng, do ſteale any hoꝛſe geldyng maare ſole oꝛ filley, and therof be found gyltie by verdicte of .xii. men, oꝛ by his owne confeſſion, be atteyncted, oꝛ otherwiſe be indicted foꝛ the ſtealyng of any hoꝛſe geldyng maare ſole oꝛ filley, and therupon arraigned, and do ſtande muet of malice oꝛ frowarde mynde, oꝛ challenge peremptorie aboue the numbre of. xx. oꝛ els wpli not aunſwere directly to the ſame indictement and felonie, whereupon he is ſo arraigned: that than euery ſuch perſon and perſons ſhall not from thenſefoꝛth be admitted to haue the benefite of his oꝛ their clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and ſhall ſuffre death in ſuche maner and fourme, as they ſhulde haue, if they were no clerkes.

An acte agaynſt vſurie.

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Here befoꝛe this tyme dyuers and ſundrye actes ſtatutes and lawes haue been ordeyned had and made within this realme, foꝛ the aduoidyng and puniſhment of vſury beyng a thyng vnlaufull, and of other corrupt bargaines ſhiftes & cheuiſances, whiche actes ſtatutes and lawes been ſo obſcure and darke in ſentences woꝛdes and termes, and vpon the ſame ſo many dowtes ambiguities and queſtions haue riſen and growen, and the ſame actes ſtatutes and lawes been of ſo lytell foꝛce oꝛ effecte, that by reaſon therof litle oꝛ no puniſhment hath enſued to the offenders of the ſame, but rather hath encoꝛaged them to vſe the ſame. Foꝛ refoꝛmacion whereof be it enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne loꝛde, by the aſſent of the loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, and of the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoꝛitee of the ſame, that all and euery the ſaied actes ſtatutes and lawes heretofore made, of foꝛ oꝛ concernyng vſury ſhiftes corrupte bargaines and cheuiſances and euery of them, and all peines foꝛfaitures and penalties concernyng the ſame and euery parte therof, ſhall from henſfoꝛth be vtterly

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ly voyde and of none effecte to all intentes constructions and purposes.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person ne persons, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they bee, from and after the last daie of Januarie next comyng, shal by him selfe factour attourney seruant or deputie, sell his marchaundises or wares to any person or persons; and within thre monethes nexte after by him selfe factour attourney deputie, or by any other person or persons to his vse and behoofe, bye the same marchaundises or wares, or any part or parcel therof, vpon a lesser price, knowyng thein to be the same wares or marchandises, that he befoze dyd so bargayne and sell, vpon the peynes and forfaitures hereafter limited in this estatute.

And be it also enacted by the same auctoritee, that no person nor persons, of what estate degree qualitee or condicion so euer he or they be, at any tyme after the saied last daie of Januarie nexte comyng, by waie or meane of any corrupt bargaine lone eschaunge cheuisance shift interest of any wares marchandises or other thyng or thynges what so euer, or by any other corrupt or disceytfull waie or meane, or by any couyn Ingin or disceytfull waie or conueiaunce, shal haue receiue accept or take in lucre or gaines for the forbearyng or gyuing daie of paiement of one holle yere, of and for his or their money or other thyng, that shall be due for the same wares marchandise or other thinge or thinges, aboue the summe of .x.li. in the hundred, and so after that rate, and not aboue, of and for a moze or lesse summe, or for a longer or shorter tyme, and no moze or greater gain or summe ther vpon to be had, vpon the peynes and forfaitures hereafter in this acte mencioned and conteyned.

And be it further enacted by auctoritee afoze saied, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the saied last daie of Januarie, doo bargaine and sell, or lay to mortgage by any waie or meane any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes to any person or persons, vpon condicion of paiement or non paiement of any summe or summes of money to be had paid or made at any daie certain, or befoze any such daie by hym that shal so bargain sel or ley to mortgage the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes that the same person or persons, to whō any such manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes shal be so bargained sold or laid to mortgage shal not by reason therof haue ne take in lucre or gaines of the issues reuenues & profittes of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes aboue the summe of .x.li. in the hundreth for one hole yere, and so after the rate aboue saied, for a moze or lesser summe, or for a longer or shorter tyme, and no moze, nor otherwse, vpon the paines forfaitures and penalties hereafter in this present estatute limited and expressed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree qualitee or condicion so euer he or they be, at any tyme after the saied laste daie of Januarie next comyng shal

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shall do any act or actes, thyng or thynges contrary to the tenour fourme and effect of this estatute, or of any clause article or sentence contained in the same, that than all and euery offender and offenders therein, or in any part thereof, shall forfeite and lose for euery suche offence the treble value of the wares marchandises and other thyng or thynges so bargained sold eschaunged or shifed, and the treble value of the issues and profittes of the saied manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, so had taken or receiued by reason of any suche bargayn sale or mortgage, and also shall haue and suffre imprisonment of his body, and make fine and raunsoine at the kynges will and pleasure: The moytee of whiche forfeiture of the saied treble value, shalbe to the kyng, and thother moytee to hym or them that wyll sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by action of dette byll playnt or informacion, in whiche action bylle playnte or informacion no wager of lawe essoyne or protection shall be adinitted or allowed.

PROVIDED alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extende to any lawfull obligacion indoced with a condicion, nor to any statute or recognisaunce made and to be made for the paiement of a lesser summe, so that the same obligacion statute or recognisaunce be made for a true iuste and perfite dette, or for the perforaunce of any other true couenauntes made or to be made vpon a iuste and true intent had betwene the parties, other then in cases of vsurie interest corrupte bargaines shifte or cheuisaunce, ne yett shall extende to any recouery fyne feoffement releas confirmation or graunt made or to be made vpon condicion with a true intent, other than to suche recouerees fines feoffementes releasses confirmacions and grauntes as shalbe made vpon condicion extendyng to vsury interest corrupte bargains shiftes or cheuisance: any thyng in this estatute conteyned, or any lawe statute or ordinaunce heretofore had vsed or made to the contrary not withstandyng.

An acte against sclaunderous bylles.

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Where diuers malicious and euill dysposed persones, of their peruerse cruel and maliciouse intentes, myndyng the better vndoing of some persones, to whome they haue and dooe beare malyce hatred and euill wyll, haue of late moſte diuellyshly practised and deuysed diuers wrytinges, wherein hath ben comprised, that the same persons, to whome they beare malyce, shoulde speake traiterouse wordes agaynst the kynges maiestee, his crowne and dignitee, or committe dyuerse heynouse and detestable treasons agaynst the kynges hyghnes (where in verraie deede the personnes so accused, neuer spake ne committed any suche offence) and the same wrytynges, so deuysed wrytten and made, haue cast abrode, and left in places, where they mought be and haue been found without subscribynge or wrytyng the true name

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of the saied accusor, or auowynge and approuynge the same to be true before the kynge or his counsell, by reason whereof dyuers of the kynges true faithfull and lounge subiectes haue been put in feare and drede of their lyues, and of the losse and forsaiture of their landes teneimentes goodes and cattalls:

For refozmacion wherof be it enacted by the kyng our Soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoitee of the same, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion he or they be, shall at any tyme hereafter deuise make or write, or cause to be deuised made or written any maner of writynge, compysynge, that any maner of persone or persons haue spoken comitted or done any offence or offences, which now by the lawes of this realme be made treason, or that hereafter shall be made treason, and the same writynge or writynge do cast or leaue in open places, where they may and shall be founde, and do not subscribe or cause to be subscribed his true name to the saied writynge, and within. xii. daies next, after ensuyng do not personally come before the kyng or his counsell, and affirme the contentes of the same writynge and writynge to bee true, and do as much as in him shalbe for the approuement of the same: That then all and euery person and persones, offendynge as is aforesaid, shalbe demed and adiudged a felon and felons, and euery suche offence shal bee adiudged and demed felony: And the offendour and offendours in the same and euery of theym, beyng of the same offence or offences lawfully convicted or atteynted (after the lawes of this realme) shall haue and suffer such paines of death, losse and forsaiture of landes teneimentes goodes and cattalles, as in other cases of felony, without any benefit of clergie, or priuilege of sanctuary to be admitted graunted or allowed in that behalfe.

¶ An acte for the marshes beside Greenwich.

Cap. xi.



Or so muche as the marshes, called the newe marshes & Combe marshes, in the parische of East Greenwich, in the countie of Kent been sundrie times in great peryl & dangier of ouerflowynge, by reason of the rageynge floudde & great tides, that wold breake in there, if the seuerall owners of the saied marshes should not circumspectely prouide for the defence therof from tyme to tyme, by makynge amendynge and reparynge the bankes of the same: And all bee it, that the mooste parte of the owners of the saied marshes bee continually charged with the reparations of the bankes of the same, payng after a rate for an acre, yet some owners therof be, which haue not nor wil not paie any thyng, nor in any wise be contributozie towardes the amendment and reparacions there: by reason whereof the saied bankes be not duely nor conueniently repaired, to the great peril and dangier of ouerflowynge and drownynge of the saied mar-

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shes, and so to the great losse of the kynges maiestee, and sundrye of his graces subiectes aswell beyng owners of parcell of the same, as to an infinite nombze of other, that be dailely refreshed, and haue great sustentacion by the same. In consideracion whereof it maie please his hyghnes, with thadvisse of his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that it maie be established and enacted, that all and euery suche person and persons now as be, or whiche hereafter shall be owners of the saied marches, or of any parcell thereof, shall at all tymes after thende of this session of this present parliament, paie and be contributozie and chargeable towar- des the reparation and amendmente of the saied marches frome tyme to tyme, after the rate of thacre, as other owners there haue heretofore been charged. And that by thauctoitee afoze saied it shalbe lefull to the expen- ditours and collectours, or one of them from tyme to tyme, when any lesse or tare shalbe had or made in that behalfe, to distreigne the goodes and cattails of suche persones, that shall refuse to paie after suche rate: and the same distresses to reteine kepe and vse accorpyng to the lawes of Rom- ney marshe in suche behalfe heretofore vsed.

An acte for tithes in London.

Cap. xii.



Where of late time, contention striffe and variaunce hath risen and growen within the cite of London & the li- bertees of the same, betwene the persons vicars & curates of the saied citee & the citisens and inhabitauntes of the same, for & concerning the paiementes of tithes oblacions & other duties within the saied citee & liberties. For appea- lyng wherof a certain order and decree was made therof by the most reue- rend father in God Thomas archebischop of Canturbury metropolitan chiefe primate of al England, Thomas Audeley knyght lord Audeley of Walden, and then lord Chauncellour of England now decessed, and other of the kinges maiestees most honourable priue Counsaill, & also the kyn- ges letters patentes and proclamacion was made therof and directed to the saied citisens concerning the same, where vpon it was after enacted in the parliament holden at westminster by prouogacion the fourth day of februarye, in the. xxvii. yere of the kinges maiestees mooste noble reigne by auctoritee of the same parlyament, that the citisens and inhabitauntes of the same citee shuld at Easter than next comyng, paie vnto the curates of the saied citee & suburbs, all such and like summes of money for tithes oblacions and other dueties, as the saied citisens and inhabitauntes by the order of the said late lord Chauncellour and other of the kinges most honourable counsaill and the kynges saied proclamacion, paid or ought to haue paid by force and vertue of the saied order at Easter, whiche was in the yere of our lord god. M. CCCC. xxxv. and the same paiementes
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so to continue from time to time, untill suche tyme as any other order or lawe shulde be made published ratified and confirmed by the kinges highnes, and the .xxii. persons by his grace to be named aswel for the full stablishment concernyng the paiement of al tithes oblacions and other duties of the inhabitauntes within the saied citee suburbs and libertees of the same, as for the makynge of other ecclesiastical lawes of this realme of Englande, and that every person denyng to paie, as is aforesaid, shulde by the commaundement of the Mayre of London for the tyme beyng, be committed to prison, there to remayne untill suche tyme as he or they shuld haue agreed with the curate or curates for their saied tithes oblacions and other duties, as is aforesaid, as in the saied act more plainly appereth. Sithen which acte diuers variances contencions and stryffes are newly rysen and growen betwene the saied persons vicars and curates, and the saied citisens and inhabitauntes touchyng the paiementes of their tythes oblacions and other duties by reason of certayn wordes and termes specified in the saied order, whiche are not so plainly and fully set fourthe, as is thought conuenient and mete to be: for appeasyng whereof, as well the saide persons vicars and curates, as the saied citisens and inhabitauntes haue compromitted and put them selves to stande to suche order and decre touchyng the premisses, as shall be made by the saied right reuerend father in god Thomas archebysshoppe of Canturbury metropolitane and primate of England, the right honourable sir Thomas Wypothelley knight lord Wypothelley and lord chauncellour of Englande, the ryght honorable Thomas duke of Norff. lord Treasorer of England, the ryght honorable sir Wyllyam Pawlet knyght lord Seint John lord president of the counsaile and lord greate maister of the kinges most honorable household, the right honorable sir John Russell knight lord Russell and lord priuey seale, the right honorable Edward Cyle of Hereff. lord great Chamberlayne of England, the right honourable John vicount Lisle highe admyrall of England, sir Rycharde Lyster knyght chiefe Justice of Englande, sir Edward Mountague knyght chiefe Justice of the common benche at westminster, and sir Roger Cholmeley knyght, chiefe Barne of the eschequer, for a fynall end and conclusion to be had and made touchyng the premisses for euer. And to the intent to haue a full peace and perfite ende betwene the saied parties their heires and successours, touchyng the saied tithes oblacions and other duties for euer: Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that such end order and direction as shalbe made decreed and concluded by the forenamed archebysshop lordes and knyghtes, or any .vi. of them, befoze the firste daie of Marche nexte ensuyng, of for and concernyng the paiementes of the Tythes oblacions and other duties within the saied citee and the liberties of the same and enrollid in the kynges high court of Chauncery of recozde, shall stande remayne and bee as an acte of parliament, and shall bynde aswell all Citisens and inhabitauntes of the saied citee and libertees for the tyme beyng, as the saied per-

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long vicars curates and their successours for ever, according to the effect putpote and entent of the saied order and decree so to be made and enrolled. And that every person denyng to paie any of his or their tithes oblations or other dueties contrary to the saied decree so to be made shall by the commaundement of the Mayre of London for the tyme beyng, and in his defaulte or neglygence by the lord Chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng be committed to prysoun, there to remain till suche tyme as he or they have agreed with the curate and curates for his or their saied tithes oblations and other dueties, as is aforesaid.

An acte repealyng the acte made for pynnes.

Cap. cliv.



Where in the parliament holden upon prorogacion at westm, the. xxii. daie of Januarie in the. xxxiii. yere of our soueraigne lordes reigne that now is, and there continued and kepte till the. xii. daie of Maie, in the. xxxv. yere of his saied reigne, it was enacted, that no maner person or persones, from and after the fyrst daie of August, then nexte ensuyng, shulde vent better or put to sale, by retayle engrosse or otherwise, any maner pynnes within this realme, but onely such as shulde be double headed, and have the headdes souldered faste to the shanke of the pynne, well smothered, the shanke well shaven, the poynt well and rounde filed, canted and sharped, upon payne that every offender in that behalfe shoulde lose and forfeite for every thousand of pynnes, not sufficiently wrought and made, vented better or put to sale, contrary to the purpote of the saied acte. xl. s. the one halfe of the saied forfeiture to be to the kynges maiestee, and the other halfe to any his graces subiectes that wold sue for the same by byll, playnt, action of dette, informacion, or otherwise, in any court of recorde, wherein the defendante shulde not wage his lawe, nor any esoyne protection or foreyn plee allowed or admitted: any lawe statute or ordynance before that tyme made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, as by this saied acte moze at large doeth appere. At whiche tyme the pynners playnly affirmed and promised to serue the kynges liege people wel and sufficiently, and at a reasonable price. And for as much as sens the makynge of the saied acte there hath ben scarcitee of pynnes within this realme, that the kynges liege people have not ben wel nor competently served of such pynnes, nor at like to be served, nor the pynners of this realme, (as it doeth now manifestly appere) be hable to serue the people of this realme, according to their saied promise. In consideration whereof, it maie please the kyng our soueraigne lord, by thadvise of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that it maie be established and enacted, that the saied acte made in the saied. xxxiii. and xxxv. yere of his gracious reigne, concernynge makynge of pynnes, and every thyng therein

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contained, maie be made adiudged and demed from hencefoꝛ the frustrate and nihilated, and to be repealed foꝛ euer, as though the saied acte in that behalfe had neuer ben made oꝛ pꝛouided.

Pꝛouided alwaie, and be it enacted by the saied auctozitee, that all actions bylles playntes and infoꝛmacions nowe cominensed oꝛ dependynge in the kynges courtes of the eschequer, kynges benche, oꝛ common place of oꝛ foꝛ any offence doone contrarpe to the tenour of the saied foꝛmer acte, shall continue and bee in their foꝛce and strengthe: and all iudgementes and execucions therin to be sued and had in such maner and fourme, as if this acte of repeale had neuer be had oꝛ made.

An acte foꝛ the mayntenaunce of the peere at Scarburgh. Cap. xliii.



And moſte humble wiſe ſhewen vnto your highneſſe your true and faithfull ſubiectes, the bailiffes and comminalltee of your towne of Scarburgh, in the couſtie of Yoꝛke, that where of olde antiquitee, as wel the inhabitantes & dwellers within your ſaied towne, as all other both your graces ſubiectes & ſtraungers, hauynge any entercouꝛſe, paſſynge oꝛ repaſſynge from any port oꝛ hauē of this realme of Englande, oꝛ from beyonde the ſea, to your port oꝛ hauē of Scarburgh, haue had foꝛ their ſhippes bottes & veſſels, goodes and marchaundiſes within the key oꝛ peere in the hauē of Scarburgh, at all tymes, good, ſure and ſafe harborowe, & haue had in the ſaid hauē franke egreſſe & enterauunce with their ſhippes and other veſſelles at all tydes, and at euery full ſea: by reaſon wherof as wel al maner of marchantes as ſyſhermen, beyng on the ſeas in any aduerſitee tempeſt oꝛ perill on the Noꝛth coſte, haue euer been accuſtomed to reſoꝛte thither foꝛ their ſauegardes and aſſurance, as well of mens lyues as veſſels goodes and marchaundiſes: by meanes of whiche great reſoꝛte, the ſaied towne was well inhabited, and the inhabitauntes therof well occupied, as well with ſundrie good occupations, as with fiſhyng and makynge oꝛ dꝛyng of fiſhe, to the great commoditee and pꝛofite to the dwellers within the ſaied towne and the cuntrey ther vnto nere adioynynge, as of all other marchantes of this realme thither reſoꝛtyng and comynge: by occaſion wherof your highneſſe cuſtome dyd perely extende vnto a good and large ſumme of money at the ſaied hauē. And alſo all the owners of all the meſuages landes and tenementes within the pꝛecinct of the ſaied towne did ſet and let their ſaied meſuages landes and tenementes at greate rentes oꝛ fermes to their great aduauntages and pꝛofites: vnto nowe of late and within ſewe yeres, that the ſaied keie oꝛ peere within the ſaied hauē, by the floudde and rage of the ſea, comynge to the ſaied towne, and inſurgeynge ouer and vpon the ſaied key oꝛ peere in tymes of tempeſt, hath freatted and broken downe, and meruailouſely woꝛne awaie the ſaied keie oꝛ peere, in ſo much that the ſaid hauē is not
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of late yeres so haunted & frequented with shippes and vessels, as heretofore it hath been accustomed and vled, to the great impouerishing of the inhabitantes and dwellers in the saied towne, and to the great decaye of the numbze of the same, and to the hynderance & minishing of the rentes and fermes of the mesuages landes and tenementes within the precinctes limittes and boundes of the said towne of Scarburgh, in so muche that a great numbze of the saied landes and tenementes nowe are fallen down decayed and at this tyme remayne vnreedyfied, lying as desolate in voyde groundes, which within fewe yeres wolde be amended and reedyfied, and myght be sette oꝝ letten foꝝ muche greater rentes oꝝ fermes, than they be at this tyme, if the said key oꝝ peere were repaired and made agayne, that shippes bottles and other vessels might haue harbor in the saide haven, and course and recourse in and furthe, as hath ben in tymes past, whiche key oꝝ peere beyng nowe so farre decayed, that the inhabitantes of the said towne, the tenautes and fermers of the saied mesuages landes and tenementes are not able to reedyfie repaire oꝝ amende, without the owners of the saied mesuages landes and tenementes maie be compelled to be petyly contributours and helpers vnto the same. In consideracion whereof be it enacted ordeyned and established by thassent of the kynges maiestee and the lordes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter folowynge shall appeere: That is to saie, the kyng our soueraigne lord, by the auctoritee aforesaid ordeyneth maketh establiisheth and erecteth a certayne corporation oꝝ body politike of the numbze of two persones, commonly to be called foꝝ euer, the maisters oꝝ keepers of the keye oꝝ peere of Scarburghe, whiche corporation oꝝ bodie politike, by auctoritee aforesaid, continually and foꝝ euer shall remaine and abide a perfecte corporation oꝝ body politike. And the saied maisters oꝝ keepers, and their successours, shall and maie be at all tyme and tymes hereafter enabled and auctoꝝised to sue and pleade, and be sued and enpleaded by the name of maisters oꝝ keepers of the saied key oꝝ peere of Scarburghe: and also shall haue one seale, whiche shall be called the common seale.

And be it enacted by thauritee aforesaid, that the bayliffes coroners and serchers of occupacions of the saied towne of Scarburghe, and theyꝝ successours, foꝝ the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and auctoꝝytee, by vertue of this act, to electe nominate and chose at the common hall within the saied towne of Scarburgh, two sufficient discrete and honeste persones, dwelling within the saied towne of Scarburgh, oꝝ the limittes of the same, to be maisters and keepers of the saied key oꝝ peere by the space of thzee yeres nexte ensuyng their election: whiche election, by the auctoritee aforesaid, shall be the firste daie of februarye nexte ensuyng. After whiche election so had and made, and knowlage therof geuen by the saied bayliffes coroners and serchers, the saied persons so elected and chosen to be maisters and keepers of the saied key oꝝ peere, shall alwaies vpon theyꝝ election

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election, and notice thereof geuen, in fourme aforesaid, entre into the said office, in the feast of the purification of our blessed lady saint Marie the virgin: and from thensforth shall continually remaine and abide in the said office by the space of thre yeres next ensuyng their election. And the said bailiffes coroners and serchers, and their successours for the tyme beinge, shall at all tyme and tymes hereafter, at the ende of thre yeres, make a newe election, in forme aforesaid, of two other persons, to be maisters and keepers of the said key or peere, to vse exercise and occupie the said office, in maner and fourme, as befoze by this present acte is specified and declared.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any person or persones, whiche hereafter shall be chosen by the said bailiffes coroners and serchers, and their successours for the tyme beinge, to be maisters or keepers of the said key or peere, do refuse to take vpon them the said roume and office, or to vse and exercise the same, accordyng to the fourme of this present acte: that then he or they, or eyther of them, so refusing, shall lose and forfeite for every tyme, that any suche refusell is had or made, fourtie shyllinges to the next maisters and keepers, and their successours of the said keye or peere, the same to be bestowed and imploied vpon the reparyng and mainteynyng of the same key or peere. For whiche forfeiture of. xl. s. the said maisters and keepers, and their successours, shall distreigne the landes goodes and cattalles of hym or them that shall lose or forfeite the same, lyng or being within the towne of Scarburgh or the precinctes of the same, or to haue an action of dette by writte byll or playnte in any of the kynges courtes, or in any other court, who hath auctoritee or cognisance to holde plea of dette.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee afoze said, that if it shall happen the said maisters and keepers or either of them, to die in the tyme of their office, or refuse to exercise and occupie the same: that than the said bailiffes coroners and serchers shall haue auctoritee, by vertue of this acte, within six daies after the deathe or refusall of suche maister or keeper to them known and certified at the common hall afoze saide, to chose and electe new maisters and keepers, or a newe maister and keeper, in the roume of them or hym that so shall happen to die or refuse, to fulfill the roume of the same onely to the ende of those thre yeres.

And be it further enacted, that the fore said maisters and keepers, and their successours hereafter shall yerely leuie receyue and haue of all and every person and persons, being owner or owners, and haupng estate of inheritauce, or being tenaunt by the courtlesie, or tenaunt in dower, of any mesuage or mesuages, tenement or tenementes, or any kynd of rentes gardins or chardes or other landes groundes or hereditamentes, sette situate or lyng within the precinctes limittes or bondes of the said towne of Scarburgh, or the liberttees and iurisdiccions of the same, or of any kynde

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kynde of rent oꝝ rentes, beyng due to be paid foꝛth, oꝝ foꝛ any of the same to foꝛ and towarde the reparacions amendinge and buyldyng, and foꝛ mayntenaunce of the same key oꝝ peere: the first parte of the yerely rent of all suche mesuages tenementes gardens oꝝ chardes landes groundes oꝝ hereditamentes, lyin within the pꝛecinctes lunnittes and boundes afore saied, to bee hereafter yerely paid vnto the same maisters and keepers of the saied key oꝝ peere, foꝛ the tyme beyng, by the fermers oꝝ occupiers of euery of the saied mesuages tenementis, and other the pꝛemisses at the feastes of Penthecost and saint Martin in winter euery yere by eue poꝛciõs.

And further be it enacted by the auctozitee afore saied, that the fyfste paiement shal begyn at the feast of Penthecost next ensuyng the makynge of this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctozitee afore saied, that if any ow-ner oꝝ owners of any suche mesuages tenementes gardens oꝝ chardes lan-des oꝝ ground lying within the libertees of Scarburgh afore saied, dooe holde and occupie the same in his oꝝ their owne handes, not letten to a-ny fermer: than euery suche owner oꝝ owners shal yerely paie as is aboue saied, the .v. parte of so muche rent oꝝ ferme, as his saied mesuage tenement gardeyne oꝝ charde lande ground oꝝ hereditament, may be reasonably let-ten to ferme foꝛ, as by the valuation of ten discrete persones of the same towne, shalbe adiudged without fraude oꝝ couyn.

And be it further enacted, by the auctozitee afore saied, that foꝛ lacke of paiement of the saied. .v. parte of the rentes and fermes aboue reherfed, the saied maisters and keepers and their successours shal haue full power by vertue of this acte, to enter into euery suche mesuage tenement and o-ther the pꝛemisses, whereof the saied. .v. parte of euery suche rent oꝝ ferme shalbe due and vnpaid, and there distreigne, and the distresse there taken to carie oꝝ take awaie retein a kepe, vnto suche tyme as they be fully con-tented and paid the. .v. parte of suche rent oꝝ ferme, as is befoꝛe expessed with the arrerages, if any be.

And be it further enacted by the auctozitee afore saied, that euery fer-mer oꝝ occupier of such mesuages tenementes oꝝ other the pꝛemisses, pay- yng the. .v. parte of the rent oꝝ the ferme abouesaid, vnto the foresaid maisters oꝝ keepers of the key oꝝ peere of Scarburgh afore saied, foꝛ the tyme beyng, shalbe therof and foꝛ so much clerely acquitted and discharged against the owner oꝝ owners of suche mesuages tenementes gardens oꝝ- chardes landes groundes oꝝ hereditamentes afore reherfed, and agaynst the heyres and executours of the saied owner oꝝ owners, and the heyres and executours of euery of them: Any vslage custome lawe couenant in- denture obligacions oꝝ bondes to the contrary made, oꝝ hereafter to bee made, in any wise not withstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctozitee afore saied, that the saied two maisters and keepers, foꝛ the tyme beyng, shal haue full power and

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auctoritee to order rule set forwarde ouersee and gouerne the woꝝkes of the saied key oꝝ peere, to hire woꝝkemen, bie stufte for the same, and make pꝛouision for euery thyng therunto belongyng apperteynyng oꝝ necessa- rie for the moſte pꝛofite and furtheraunce of the same, after their beſte po- licy and wiſedome. And at the ende of euery thre yeres, to make their accompte vnto the bailiffes coꝝoners and ſerchers afoꝛeſaied, who ſhall here examine and determyne the ſaied accompte: and allowe all thynges woꝝthy to be allowed: and diſallowe ſuche as be not woꝝthy to be allowed: And ſhall lymitte and aſſigne, what and how muche the ſaied maiſters and keepers, ſo accomptant, ſhall haue allowed them for their labours expen- ſes and charges by them in that behalfe ſuſteyned, in the tyme of their of- fice: wherwith the ſaied maiſters and keepers ſhalbe contented without a- ny further demaunde. whiche accompte, ſo hearde examined and determy- ned by the bailiffes coꝝoners and ſerchers aboue ſaied, the ſaied maiſters and keepers ſo accomptant, ſhall cauſe their ſaied accompte holly and ful- ly to be double wꝛitten in parchemente indented: the one parte wherof to remaine with the ſaied bailiffes: and the other parte with the ſaied mai- ſters and keepers.

Be it further enacted, that the ſaied bailiffes coꝝoners and ſerchers, for tyme beyng, vpon the thirde daie of Febꝛuarie, at euery thre yeres ende, oꝝ within .xx. daies then next enſuyng, ſhall heare examine and de- termine the ſaied accompte, without any further delaie, vnder peyne of foꝛfeiture of euery one of them .xx. ſ. to the uſe of the ſaied key oꝝ peere, to be leuied and receyued by the maiſters oꝝ keepers for the tyme beyng.

And in caſe that the maiſters oꝝ keepers, oꝝ any of them, at the ende of their office, do reſuſe to make their accompte oꝝ neglecte the ſame, Be it enacted by the auctoritee afoꝛeſaied, that the bailiffes of the towne of Scarburghe, for the tyme beyng, maie haue actions of accompte, actions of dette, of arrearages of accompt, againſt the ſaied maiſters and keepers, their heires and executours, for and concernyng the receipte of the yerely reuenues iſſues and pꝛofittes, to the ſaied key oꝝ peere in any wiſe belon- gyng oꝝ apperteynyng. And alſo all and ſingular dettes and ſummes of money, whiche ſhalbe hereafter recouered by vertue of the pꝛemiſſes, ſhall be deliuered by the ſaied bailiffes to the maiſters and keepers of the key oꝝ peere afoꝛeſaied, for the tyme beyng, for the repairyng and maintenāce of the ſame. And in like maner the ſaied accomptauntes to haue like re- medie againſt their ſucceſſours for the ſurpluſage of their accompte, if a- ny ſuche ſhall happen to be.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee afoꝛeſaied, that if any perſon oꝝ perſones hereafter ſhall happen to pꝛactiſe oꝝ attempte any de- fraude couyn oꝝ gyle in any thyng oꝝ thynges within the ſaied libertees and pꝛeciunctes, touchyng oꝝ concernyng the ſaied .v. part of the yerely ren- tes oꝝ fermes of the ſaied meſuages landes tenementes and other the pꝛe- miſſes

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misses aboue specified in disturbance, and contrarie to the true meanyng of this present act. Or if any ambiguitee or doubt shal hereafter be found or arise in this presente acte, that than the saied fraude gyle couyn doubt or ambiguitee shall be examined tried and fully ended and determined at the sute of the maisters and keepers of the said key or peere, and their successours, before the lord Chauncellour of England, for the tyme beyng, whiche lord Chauncellour shall haue auctoritee by vertue of this acte, not onely to here examine and determine all suche causes: but also to expounde and interpretate euerie ambiguitee and double, arysynge of any thyng conteyned in this acte.

An acte agaynst regratynge of wolles.

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Euer as muche as by drapery and makynge of wollen clothes within this Realme, many of the kynges pooer subiectes in great nombres, haue ben heretofore well occupied and sette a woork, and for that the same shoulde be continued and mainteined amonges other it was establi- shed and enacted, as well in the parliament holden at Westm̄ the.iiii. yere of the late king Henry the. vii. as in the parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our most dread soueraigne lord the kynges royall maiestee that now is, that no maner of persone by hym selfe, or by any other, shuld bye or bargaine, from the fyrst daie of Marche, then next ensuyng the makynge of the saied act, any wolles than beyng vnshorne, or shuld take promise of bargain of any wolles than vnshorne, of the grow- yng of the shires of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Southampton, Wiltes. Dorset. Somers. Gloucester, Wors. Hereford, Salop, Warwike, Leicester, Noting- ham, Derby, York, Lincoln, Rutlande, Northampton, North. Suff. Essex, Cambridge, Huntington, Buk. Bedford, or any of theim, before the feast of the assumption of our lady than next ensuyng: Or bye or bargaine any wolles, or take promise of bargain of any wolles, that shall growe in any of the saied shires, in any yere or yerres than to come, after the saied feast of the assumption of our lady, any tyme before the saied feast of the assumption of our lady, that shall be next after the shearyng of the saied woll or wolles: but suche persons, that of the saied woll or wolles, shuld make or do to be made parne or clothe within this realme, vpon payne of forfaiture of the double value of all the wolles boughte, or for to be bar- gained or taken by promise of bargain, contrary to the saied ordinance. And further it was ordeyned, by auctoritee aforesaid, that no person, af- ter the saied fyrste daie of Marche, shoulde bye or bargaine any maner of woll within this realme for any marchant straunger, nor shuld take any promise of bargayne and sale of any wolles for any marchant straunger within this realme, vpon payne of forfaiture of the same wol so bought: or whereof promise of bargayne or sale shoulde be so taken, to the vse of

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any stranger, or the value of the same wolles: The one halfe of all whiche forfaytures, shuld be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, the other halfe to be to hym, that wolde sue the partie, that shoulde breake the saied ordynance. And that any persone, that wolde sue in that parte, shoulde and mought haue an action of dette of the saied forfayture: and such proces in the same action be had, as in an action of dette at the common lawe, or after the custome of the citee borough or towne, where it shuld happen to be sued: And that none essoyne ne protection be allowed, nor wager of lawe for the saied defendant admitted, as by the saied estatute moze plainely it maie appere. Whiche acte was made to endure from the saied first daie of Marche, vnto the ende of ten yerres than next ensuyng, and from the ende of the saied ten yerres, vnto the ende of the next parlyament to be holden after the ende of the saied ten yerres: whiche tyme is now expired, by reason whereof diuers persons, as broggers regratours and engrocers of wolles, for their owne singular lucre and aduauntage to the intent to sell the same agayne vnwrought, and to enhaunce the pryces of wolles, haue taken and gathered into their handes diuerse great quantitees and numbze of stones and weightes of woll: and also haue taken promisses and bargaynes of woll, in dyuers the saied shires now vnshorne: so that nother the marchantes of the estaple, ne yet such as wolde drape and make yarne and clothe within this realme, canne haue wolles at any reasonable pryces for the same.

For remedy whereof, and to the entent as well the marchantes of the staple, as suche as woll make yarne and clothe within this realme, maie the better hereafter be prouided of wolles conuenient for the same: It is ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that from and after the saied first daie of Marche now next comyng, no maner of person, other than marchauntes of the saied estaple, and their seruauntes and factours, for the onely prouision of the saied estaple, and for to be shipped onely to the saied estaple, and other than such as shall conuerte the same into yarne or clothe within this realme, by hym selfe, or by any other: bie or bargain, or take promesse of bargayne of any wolles, beyng now vnshorne, of the growynge of the Wyres of Kent, Surrey, Suffex, Southampton, Wiltel. Dorset. Somers. Gloucester, Wors. Hereford, Salop, Warwike, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Yorke, Lincoln, Rutlande, Northampton, Norff. Suff. Essex, Cambrige, Huntington, Buk. Bedforde, and Hertford, or any of theim, before the feast of the purificacion of our lady next after the sheryng and clypppyng of the saied wolles: Or bie or bargain any wolles, or take promesse of bargayne of any wolles, that shall growe in any of the saied Wyres, in any yere or yerres to come, after the saied feast of the purificacion of our lady, that shall be next after the sheryng or clypppyng of the saied woll, but onely suche persones their seruauntes and factours, that of the saied wolles shall make or doo to be made yarne hattes girdelles or clothe within this Realme, and not to selle the same wolle agayne, or the stapler or his factours

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ctours, to be shipped onely to the saied estaple, vpon payne of forfaiture of the double value of all the saied wolles bought, or for to be bargayned, or taken by promise of bargainne, contrary to this act & ordinaunce.

PROVIDED alwaies that it shall be lafull for euery man, to buyng or sende his owne woll vnto the common markets, and there to sel the same vnto the marchaunte of the staple, or his factour, or to hym or them that wyl buye the same for to make yarne or clothe within this realme, or their factours or seruantes. And in case neither the stapler, his factour, or other for hym, or the clothier or other for hym, wyl not buye the same wolles, soo brought to the market, in their defeaute to selle the same to any other that will buye the same in the saied open market: Any thyng in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further it is enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that no person after the first daie of Marche now next comyng, shall buye or bargainne any maner wolles within this realme, for any marchaunt esttraunger, nor shall take any promise of bargainne or sale of any woll for any marchant stranger within this Realme, vpon payne of forfaiture of the same wolles soo bought, or wherof promise of bargain and sale shall be so taken, to the vse of any marchant stranger: Or the value of the same wolles: The moitie of al whiche forfeitures to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, the other moitie to the partie that wyl sue for the same: the partie that shall breake this ordinaunce. And that any persone that wyl sue in that behalfe, shall and maie haue an action of dette of the saied forfaiture: and suche processe in the same to be had, as in an action of det at the common lawe, or after the custome of the citee borowe or towne, where it shall be sued, wherein none esoyne protection ne wager of lawe shall be admitted.

And further it is enacted, that all bargaines couenauntes promises and contractes for wols heretofore made or any time hereafter before the first daie of Marche now nexte comyng to be made by any person or for any wolles, of the growyng of any of the saied shires, beyng within the shire, shalbe voyde and of none effecte: Except the bier prouider or suche persone or persones, to whome any suche former promise or bargainne is made, do put the same wolles by hym receiued by suche former contracte couenant or promise into yarne or cloth within this realme or doo shippe the same to the saied estaple.

It is also further prouided and enacted, that the saied marchaunte of the saied staple, maie bargainne and sell their refuse or course wolles, suche as is not mete for the saied estaple, to any other persone, that will buye the same, to make yarne or clothe within this realme: any thyng in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding. This act to continue and endure vnto the ende of the next parliament.

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CAN ACTE for the annexinge of certayne landes to the Duchie of Lancastre, and an exchange betwene the kynges maiestee, the archebishops of Canturburie and Yorke, and the byshop of London. Cap. xvi.

The kyng our soueraigne lord, considering and regarding the estate of his duchie of Lancastre, beyng one of the most princeliest and stateliest pieces of his graces auncient inheritance, and perceiuyng that the possessions and yerely reuenues therof haue ben of late greatly dimynished, aswel by reason of sundrie giftes grauntes and sales made by his highnesse as by reason of sundrie exchaunges made betwene his maiestee and dyuerse his louyng subiectes, of diuerse manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes lately belongyng to the same, and the manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes being assured to his highnesse in the recompence of the saied exchaunges, be not annexed vnto his saied duchie, but ben in the ordre and gouernance of his courtes appointed for the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, so by his highnesse taken and receiued in exchaunge: And where his maiestee is now laufully seised in his demeane, as of fee, of and in the lordshipp and manour of Rippon in the countie of Yorke, with all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes membres profits and comoditees to the same belongyng, or in any wyse reputed vsed or taken as parte parcell or membre of the same. And of al royalties liberties franchises iurisdictions and preeminences, what so euer they be there vsed or in any wyse to be exercised in vpon or by reason of the same lordship, or any parte or parcell thereof: all whiche were late of the possessions of the moste reuerende father in god, Robert archebysshop of Yorke, or of his laste predecessour, as parcell of the possessions belongyng to the archebysshopricke of Yorke: And where as also the same our saied soueraigne lord is now laufully seised in his demeane as of fee, of and in one parcell of lande called the Maccharie, conteynyng by estimacion. lx. acres more or lesse, sette lyng and beyng within the lymittes and boundes of the forreste of Whedowne, in the countie of Suffex: whiche parcell of lande was late parcell of the possessions of the late dissolued priore or monasterie of Nichellame, in the saied countie of Suffex: And where also the kynges highnesse is seised of and in dyuerse parkes, as in the righte of his saied duchie, and as parcell of the possessions belongyng to the same: And also of and in dyuerse and sundrie parcelles of landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyng within the precincte circuite and compase of the saied parkes, whiche at this present are not parcell of the saied duchie, ne of the possessions belongyng to the same: His highnesse myndyng and intendyng the preseruacion aduancement mayntenance and continuance of the ancient and honorable estate of his said duchie is fully determyned resolved pleased and contented, to assigne the saied manour of Rippon, and al thother premisses to the saied duchie.

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Wherfore be it enacted by the kynges hyghnesse, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by thauctoꝛitee of the same, That the said lordshippe and manour of Rippon, in the saied countie of yorke, and all manours landes tenementes possessions hereditamentes membes pꝛofittes and commoditees belongyng to the same, oꝛ in any wyse reputed vsed oꝛ taken as parte parcell oꝛ membe of the said manour of Rippon: And all roialtees liberties franchises iurisdiccions and pꝛeeminences, what so euer they be there vsed, oꝛ in any wyse to be vsed taken oꝛ exercised in vpon oꝛ by reason of the same lordshipp and manour of Rippon, and other the pꝛemisses, oꝛ in vpon oꝛ by reason of any parte oꝛ parcell therof, whiche were late of the possessions of the saied archebischoppe of yorke, oꝛ of his saied pꝛedecessours, as parcell of the possessions of the saied archebischopricke: And also the saied parcell of lande, called the Waccharie, lying and beyng within the limittes and boundes of the saied forest of Alshedowne in the saied countie of Sussex, with thappurtenances, And all the landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, which his highnes now hath in possession reuercion remaindre seruice oꝛ in vse of any estate of inheritance, not beyng parcell of the possessions belongyng to the saied duchy, and whiche ben lying oꝛ beyng within the pꝛecincte circuite oꝛ compasse of any of the saied parkes, as holly and entierly, and in as ample and large maner and fourme, and with the same and like comoditees roialties franchises liberties pꝛiuileges pꝛeeminences and iurisdiccions, as they came to the handes and possession of the same our soueraigne lord the kyng, oꝛ to any other to his highnes vse and behofe, and in as ample and large maner fourme and condicion as they now ben oꝛ owen to be in his maiesties handes and possession be and shall be from hensfoꝛthe vnited and annexed vnto his said duchie of Lancaster, and to be adiudged demed and taken foꝛ and as parcel and membe of the saied duchy of Lancaster, and shall be of the same nature kynde qualitee and condicion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as other the auncient possessions of the said duchy, lying and beyng out of the countie palantine of Lancaster, be and ought to be, and shall be in the lettynge settynge oꝛ dre rule surueye receipte and gouernance of the chauncellour counsell and officers of the saied duchie of Lancastre foꝛ the tyme beyng foꝛ euermore, in like and the same maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as other the saied auncient possessions of oꝛ belongyng to the same duchie, lying and beyng out of the saied countie palantine now ben haue ben oꝛ owen to be: And that as well the saied lordshipp and manour of Rippon and other the pꝛemisses, as all other lordshippes manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, whiche haue ben heretofore by our saied soueraigne lord the kyng, oꝛ by any of his mosse noble progenitours annexed vnited assigned oꝛ appoynted to the saied duchie by acte of parliament byll assigned letters patentes oꝛ other laufull meanes, which be not as yet gyuen granted

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ted solde or exchaunged by the kynges hyghnes, or any of his noble progenitours, or otherwyle seuered or diuided from the saied duchie, and ben set lyng and bryng out of the saied countie palantine of Lancastre. And all and singular gyses grauntes leases letters patentes and writynges therof or of any pcell therof to be made by the kynges highnes his heires or successours, shal for euermore passe and be made vnder the seale of the saied duchy, and not vnder any other seale or otherwise, and with the like and the same luerie of seison attoynementes ceremonies orders and circumstances in the lawe, and in the same maner and fourme as other the auncient possessions of the saied duchie, lyng and beyng out of the saied countie palantine of Lancastre, & the letters patentes charters and writynges therof heretofore made haue vled and ought to bee made & passed, and not otherwise nor in any other maner or fourme: Any acte of parliament made concernyng the establisshement and erection of the court of the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, or concernyng in any wise the saied court of Augmentacions, or any landes tenementes or hereditamentes libertees iurisdiccions or preeminences, or other thynge what so euer limited or appoynted to be in the ordre surueie gouernance or disposicion of the same courte of Augmentacions, or any lawe acte statute vsage or custome to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstandyng. And that as well all and singular lordshippes manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, which by this acte be annexed vnited assigned and appoynted to the saied duchy, as also all other manours landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, whiche at any tyme heretofore haue ben by our saied soueraigne lord the kynges highnes, or by any of his moste noble progenitours annexed vnited assigned or appointed to the saied duchie, by acte of parliament, bill assigned letters patentes, or other laufull meanes, wherof the officer and minister of the saied duchie or any of them done at this daie receiue the profittes to the kynges vse, and whiche be not as yet geuen graunted bargayned solde exchaunged or otherwyle put a waie deuided or seuered from the saied duchie and beyng set lyng and beyng within the saied countie palantine of Lancastre. And all and singular gyses grauntes letters patentes and writynges therof or of any part or parcel therof, to be made by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, shal for euermore passe and be made vnder the seale of the countie palantyne of Lancastre, and not vnder or by any other seale or other wise, and with the like and the same orders ceremonies and circumstances in the lawe, and in the same maner and fourme as other the ancient possessions of the saied duchie, lyng and beyng within the saied countie palantine of Lancastre, hath ben had vled and made, & the letters patentes chartours and writynges therof heretofore made, haue vled and owen to be passed and made, and not otherwyle, nor in any other maner or fourme. And that as well all and singular the saied manours landes tenementes and other the premisses nowe annexed and assigned to the saied
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duchie by this acte, as all other manours landes tenementes and possessions heretofore assigned by oure saied souereigne lord, or by any of his moste noble progenitours to the saied duchie, wherof the officer and mynister of the saied duchie, or any of them, receiued the profittes at this day to the kynges graces vse, lyng or beyng within the saied countie palantyne of Lancastre, and beyng not solde graunted bargained geuen exchanged or other wyse departed fro, deuoyded or seuered frome the saied countie palantyne, shall bee of the same nature qualitee and condicion to all intentes constructions and purposes in the lawe, as other thauncient possessions of the saied duchie, lyng or beyng within the saied countie palantyne of Lancastre, ben owen and haue vsed to be: Any lawe acte statute custome or vsage to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that al the rentes reuenues issues and profittes, whiche hath rysen comen and growene of the saied manour or lordeshyppe of Rippon, and of all other manours landes tenementes hereditamentes membres profittes and commoditees to the same belongyng, or in any wise reputed taken or vsed as parte parcell or membre of the same. And of all libertees fraunchises iurisdiccions and preemynences vsed or exercised, in vpon or by reason of the same, or any parte therof, sithen suche tyme as the inheritauce of the same fyrste came to the kynges handes or possession, shall be taken receiued collected and accompted for by the officers and mynisters of the saied duchie, in suche maner and fourme, as other rentes reuenues and profittes of other landes tenementes and hereditamentes, belongyng to the saied duchie, hath vsed to be taken receiued collected and accompted for: any lawe statute vsage or custome to the cōtrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where the reuerende father in god tharchebishoppe of Yorke now beynge, for and in consideracion of diuers landes tenementes rectories and other hereditamentes, geuen graunted and assured by the kynges highnes to the saied archebishop, and his successours archebishops of Yorke, and for diuers other good consideracions and intentes, hath by his Indenture, enrolled of recoorde, bargained solde geuen and graunted to the kynges highnes the saied manour of Rippon, with thappurtenaunces, and the manours of Sharowe Stanley Rypponholme Colleskelschil Denycrofte Casteldyke whitedyke, Thorpe, Monketon, Chornton Retherdale Bilhopside, Shorborne Milforde Bilhopplaches Patrington Charethorpe, Fylmake Hargathe Gloughton Werwange Wilton Wilton Epi Topdyke Chyrlk Ascenby Gyschwaite Diffeord Renton Newbye Skyp-ton Catton Northbye Whaplowe Haske Uplethorne Wyton Dalton Crakhall Careleton Berham Eryngton Walle Atome Halydone Kepwyke Groueryge Kenelegh Escalwent Cadden Rynbyntos Wescalland Newland Scroby Rauenneskeld Lanome Alkham Sutton Northlock Churchedown Hockylcote Norton Shurdington Widdcombe Cerney Compton Odington and Gloucester, with all and singular their membres

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membres and appurtenances in the seuerall countie of Yorke, Northumb. Gloucester, and in the countie of the citie of Gloucester, and diuers other manours lades tenementes aduousons patronages gistes and nominations of hospitalles prebendes Churches chauntries freechappelles and other spirituall promotions, and of diuers roialtees iurisdiccions preeminences franchises libertees and other hereditamentes with their membres and appurtenances. All whiche manours landes tenementes and the other premisses did lately belong to the said archebishoprik of yorke: To haue and to holde the same to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours for euer, as by the same indenture, bearyng date the. vi. date of februarye, in the. xxxvi. yere of the kynges most gracious reigne, it doeth more plainely appere.

And to the entent that the kynges highnes maie be perfectly assured of all and singular the said manours landes tenementes possessions and other the premisses so assigned to his highnes by the said Indenture, Be it ordeined enacted and establisshed by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and of the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, shall haue holde and enioye the said manour of Rippon, and all the said manours meles landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices roialtees libertees franchises iurisdiccions preeminences and other hereditamentes, with all and singular the appurtenances, and all other manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beyng soo geuen graunted limited or appoynted to the kynges highnes by the said Indenture, clerely and freely, in what countrey or places so euer they ben set lyng or beyng, as well agaynst the said archebishop and his successours, as agaynst the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche of Yorke, and theyr successours, and euery of them, by what name or names or corporations they be incorporate had called or reputed: any lawe statute or custome, or other thyng, to the contrary hereof had or made not withstanding.

And where also the reuerende father in god Thomas archebishop of Canturburie and primate of al Englande, by dyuers sufficient deedes and good conueiances, confirmed by the deane and chapitre of the cathedral and metropolitical church of Christchurche of Canturbury, aswel in consideration of diuers other manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, to hym and his successours to be geuen and graunted by our said soueraigne lord, as for other good considerations, hath geuen and graunted to our said soueraigne lord, the manours of Charing and Layborne, and the castel of Layborne view of frankplege at Calehil, to be holden of all the tenants and resiauntes within the said manour of Charyng, together with thaduousons and patronages of the rectories and churches of Charyng Layborne & Rydley, with all their rightes membres & appurtenances in the countie of Kent. And the manours of Mayghfeld, other-
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wife called Maughfeilde, the parkes of Maughfeilde and Frankeham, the rectories of Maughfeild and Wadehurst, together with thaduouſons and patronages of the vicarages of Maughfeild and Wadehurst, with all their rightes membres and appurtenaunces in the countie of Suffex. And the manours of Harrow, otherwise called Harrow on the hill, woodhall, Heele, otherwise called Hays, Hegelston otherwise called Helton, and Sudburie, the parke called Pynno: parke, thaduouſon and patronage of the personage and vicarage of the churche of Heele, with all their rightes membres and appurtenaunces in the countie of Midd. And the manour of Tryng, and the aduouſon and patronage of the personage and rectory of the churche of Tryng, with all their ryghtes membres and appurtenaunces, in the countie of Hertford: And also thaduouſon and patronage of the personage and churche of Halton, in the countie of Buk. And also al other his manours landes teneimentes rentes reuerſiōs seruices courttes leetes viewes of frankeplege rightes franchiseſes libertees priueleges profittes commoditees and other hereditamentes in Charyng and Laybo:ne in the ſaied countie of Kent, and in Maughfeild Maughfeild Wadehurst woodhurst and Lamberhurst in the ſaied countie of Suffex: And in Harrow woodhall Heele Hegelston, & Sudburie in the ſaied countie of Midd. And in Trynge, in the ſaied countie of Hertforde. To haue and to hold the ſaid manours, and all other the p̄miſſes, to our ſaid ſoueraigne lord, his heires and ſucceſſours for ever: Except and reſerued to the ſaied archebyſhop and his ſucceſſours all fines and amerциаментes of all the tenauntes and reſiantes within the p̄cinct of the ſaied leete or viewe of frankeplege at Calehill out of the ſaied manour of Charyng.

For his highnes further and moze perfect aſſurance to be hadde and made of and in the ſaied manours and other the p̄miſſes, Be it enacted by thaucto:itee afozeſaied, that the kynges highnes our ſaied ſouereigne lord, his heires and ſucceſſours, ſhall haue holde and enioye the ſaied manours of Charyng and Laybozne, the caſtell of Laybozne, viewe of frankeplege at Calehill, to bee holden of all the tenauntes and reſiantes within the ſaied manour of Charyng, and thaduouſons and patronages of the rectories and churches of Charyng, Laybozne, and Rydley, in the ſaied countie of Kent: And the ſaied manours of Maughfeild otherwise called Maughfeild, the parkes of Maughfeild and Frankeham, the rectories of Maughfeild and woodhurst, thaduouſons and patronages of the vicarages of Maughfeild and Wadehurst in the ſaied countie of Suffex: And the ſaied manours of Harrow woodhall Heele Hegelston Sudburie, the parke called Pynno: parke, thaduouſon and patronage of the personage and vicarage of the churche of Heele in the ſaied countie of Midd. The manour of Tryng, thaduouſon and patronage of the personage and rectorie of the churche of Trynge in the ſaied countie of Hertforde: Thaduouſon and patronage of the personage and church of Halton in the ſaied countie of Buk. with all their rightes, membres, libertees

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bertees franchises preheminences, and other hereditamentes what so euer, to the saied manours rectories and other the premises, or to any of theym belongyng, or that haue been accepted reputed or taken as parte parcell or membre of the saied manours rectories and other the premises, or of any of theim, or with the same or any of theim demised letten or occupied, in what counties or places so euer they or any of theym bee situate lyng or beyng: And all other the saied manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices courtes letes biewes of frankeplege rightes franchises libertees priuileges profittes commoditees and other hereditamentes in Charyng and Layborne in the saied countie of Kent, except befoze excepted. And in Mayfeild Maughfeild Wadehurst Woodhurst and Lamberhurst in the saied countie of Suffer: And in Harrow Harrow on the hill, Woodhall Heese Hays Hegelston Helston and Sudburie in the saied countie of Midd: And in Trynge in the saied countie of Hertforde, as well against the saied archebishop and his successours, as agaynst the deane and chapiter of the saied cathedrall and metropolitall churche of Canturburie, and their successours, and euery of theim, by what name or names or incorporacions they bee incorporate had called or reputed: Any lawe statute custome or other thynge to the contrary hereof had or made not withstanding.

And where the reuerend father in god Edmond now bishop of London, for certaine good recompences and consideracion, by his dede dated the. iiii. daie of Septembze, in the. xxxvii. yere of the kynges maiestees reigne, hath bargayned sold geuen and graunted to the kynges highnes the manours of Chelmesforde and Crondon, and the parcke of Crondon, with all and singular their and euery their membres rightes and appurtenances, set lyng and beyng in the countie of Essex, and all suche landes tenementes rentes seruices and hereditamentes, as be or haue ben reputed taken knowen or accepted as part parcell or membre of any of the said manours parke and the other premises: To haue and to hold to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours for euer, as by the same dede moze at large it maie and dooeth appere. By reason of whiche saied bargayne the kynges highnesse was seiled of the saied manours and the other premises in his demesne as of fee, And the kynges highnes so beyng seiled, for good consideracions his grace mouyng, hath by his letters patentes, dated the seconde daie of Octobze, in the saied. xxxvii. yere of his graces reigne, geuen and graunted to his trusty counsellour syr William Peter knyght, the saied manour of Crondon, and the saied parke of Crondon, with all the membres rightes and appurtenances, to haue and to hold the saied manour and parke of Crondon, with the membres rightes and appurtenance therunto belongyng, to the saied sir William Peter, his heires and assignes, to the vse of the saied syr William Peter, his heires and assignes, to hold of the kynges highnes by the seruice of the fortieth parte of a knyghtes fee, and yeldyng and payyng to his highnes, his heires and
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successours perely in the court of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne. xviij. s. iiii. d. in the name of the tenthies as by the same letters patentees, moze at large it maie and dooeth appere.

And for the moze suretie and sure making of the premisses, Be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thautoꝛitee of the same, that the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, shall haue holde and enioye for euer, the saied manour of Chelmesfoꝛde, with al the membes rightes and appurtenances to the same belongyng. And all suche landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as be reputed taken knowen oꝛ accepted, as part parcell oꝛ membeꝛ of the same manour of Chelmesfoꝛde.

And be it further enacted by the same auctoꝛitee, that the saied syꝛ William Peter, his heires and assignes, shall haue holde and enioye for euer the saied manour of Crondon, and the saied parke of Crondon with al the membes rightes and appurtenances to the same manour and parke belongyng oꝛ apperteynyng: and all suche landes tenementes and hereditamentes as be reputed taken knowen oꝛ accepted as parte parcell oꝛ membeꝛ of the same manour and parke of Crondon. Sauyng to al and euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, and to theyꝛ heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them, oꝛther than to the saied Robert archebysshop of yozke, and his successours, and the saied deane and chapiter of the cathedꝛall church of yozke, and their successours: and the saied archebysshop of Canturbury, and his successours, and the saied deane and chapiter of the saied cathedꝛall church of Canturbury, and their successours: and the saied byshop of London, and his successours, and the deane and chapiter of the cathedꝛall church of sainte Paule in London, and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, all suche right title claim interest possession rentes charges annuitees commons leases termes offices fees couenantes condicions bargaynes grauntes woodsales aduantages and profittes, whiche they oꝛ any of them haue clayme vse oꝛ demaunde oꝛ ought maie oꝛ might haue had vsed claimed oꝛ demanded, into vpon oꝛ out of any the premisses, oꝛ into vpon oꝛ out of any part oꝛ parcell therof, in suche and the same like maner foꝛm and condicion, to all intentes and purposes, as if this act had neuer ben had noꝛ made.

PROVIDED allwaie and be it enacted by thautoꝛitee aforesaid, that all the saied manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes in this present acte mencioned, not beyng expꝛessely appoynted to the order and suruey of the saied courte of the duchy shall bee and continue within the onely surueie order and rule of the kynges highnes court of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crown: any thyng in this act to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

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PROVIDED alwaie and be it enacted by the saied auctoritee, that if any rentes reuenues or profittes heretofore paid, paieable or leuiable for out or of any honours manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes beyng nowe, or that hereafter shalbe in the suruey of any one of the courtes of the eschequer, generall surueiours wardes and lieries, Duchye of Lancastre, or the Augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, to or by reason of any honours manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, beyng now, or that hereafter shalbe in the order suruey or gouernaunce of any of the said courtes, that euery such rent reuenues and profittes, duryng the vnitee of the possession therof in the kynges handes: & so long as the same shal continue and be in the possession and seison of our saied soueraigne lord, shalbe paid by the officers of the said court, where the said honours manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, before they came to the kynges possession, were charged with any such rentes reuenues or profittes, to the officers bailiffes and other ministers of the said courte, hauyng the suruey of any suche honours manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, wherunto any suche rentes reuenues or profittes, before the said vnitee of possession therof in the kynges maiestee, were paid or leuiable: any law statute or other thyng to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAN ACTE that doctours of ciuill lawe, beyng married, may exercise ecclesiasticall iurisdiction. Cap. xvii.



A moste humble wise shew and declare vnto your highnes, your most faithfull humble and obedient subiectes the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛal, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, that where your most roial maiestee is, and hath alwaies iustly ben by the word of God supreme head in earth of the church of England, and hath full power and auctoritee, to correct punish and repress all maner of heresies, errours, vices, synnes, abuses, idolatries, hypocrisies, and supersticions, sprongen and growyng within the same, and to exercise all other maner of iurisdiccions, commonly called ecclesiastical iurisdiction: Neuerthelesse the byshop of Rome and his adherentes, myndyng vtterly as muche as in hym late to abolythe, obscure, and delete suche power, geuen by god to the princis of the earthe, whereby they might gather, and geat to them selves the gouernement and rule of the world, haue in their counsailes and synodes prouinciall made ordeyned and establisshed, and decreed diuers ordinances and constitucions, that no laie, or married man shuld or might exercise or occupie any iurisdiction ecclesiastical, nor shuld be any iudge or regester in any court, comonly called ecclesiastical courte, lest their false and vsurped power, which they pretended and went about to haue in Chyestes church, shuld decay, ware vile, and of no reputacion, as by

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as by the saied counsailes and constitucions prouinciall appereth: which standyng and remainyng in their effecte, not abolisshed by your graces lawes, dyd sounde to appere to make greatly for the said vsurped power of the said bishop of Rome, and to be directly repugnant to your maiestee of supreme head of the churche and prerogatiue royall, your grace beyng a lay man. And albeit the saied decrees, ordinaunces and constitucions, by a statute made in the. xxv. yere of your most noble reigne, be vtterly abolisshed, frustrate, and of none effecte, yet bicause the contrary therunto is not vled nor put in practyse by the archebischoppes bysshoppes, archdeacons and other ecclesiasticall persons, who haue no maner of iurisdiction ecclesiastycall, but by, vnder, and from your royall maiestee, it addeth or at the least maie giue occasion to some euill disposed persones, to thinke and little to regarde the procedynges and censures ecclesiasticall made by your highnesse and your vicegerent, officials, commissaries, iudges, and visitatores, beyng also lay and married men, to be of little or none effecte or force, wherby the people gathereth heart and presumption to do euil, and not to haue suche reuerence to your moost godly Iniunctions and procedynges, as becommeth them. But for as muche as your maiestee, is the onely and vndoubtedly suppreme head of the churche of England and also of Irelande, to whome by holy scripture al auctoritee and power is holly geuen, to heare and determine all maner causes ecclesiasticall, and to correct vice and synne what so euer, and to al such persons as your maiestee shall appointe there vnto: That in consideracion therof, as well for the instruction of ignorant persons, as also to aboide the occasion of the opinion aforesaid, and the setting furthe of your prerogatiue royall and supremacy. It maie therfore please your highnes, that it maie be ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritee of this present parliament, that all and singular persons, as well lay as those that now be married or hereafter shal be married, beyng doctours of the ciuill lawe, laufully create and made in any vniuersitee, whiche shall be made, ordeyned constituted and deputed to be any Chauncellour vicar generall commissary officiall Scribe or register by your maiestee or any of your heyres or successours, or by any archebischop bisshop archdeacon or other person what so euer, hauing auctoritee vnder your maiestee your heires and successours to make any chauncellour, vicar generall, commissary, officiall, or register maie laufully execute and exercyse all maner of iurisdiction commonly called ecclesiastycall iurisdiction, and all censures and coercions apperteynyng or in any wise belongyng vnto the same, all be it suche persone or personnes be lay married or vnmarried, soo that they bee doctours of the ciuill lawe, as is aforesaid: any lawe, constitucion, or ordenaunce to the contrarie notwithstanding.

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AN ACTE for the erection of .iiii. honours, Westm, Kingston vpon Hull, saint Olfithes, and donyngton. Cap. xviii.



HOW Diuers sundry vrgente and necessarie causes and consideracions, the kynges maiestee specially mouyng, be it enacted oꝝdeyned and establiſhed by the kyng our loue-
raigne loꝝde, with the assente of the loꝝdes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by thautoꝝitee of the same, That his high-
nes, duryng his naturall life (whiche almighty God long pꝛeserue) shall haue full power and auctoꝝitie from tyme to tyme, in these places hereaf-
ter folowynge, to erecte oꝝdeyne and make, by his maiestes ioynte oꝝ se-
uerall letters patentes vnder his great seale and proclamacions, as well the seuerall honours hereafter ensuyng, That is to saie, within his gra-
ces citie of Westm, one honour, and at his highnes towne of Kingston v-
pon Hull, in the countie of Hul, one other honour, and at his castel of Do-
nyngton, in the countie of Berk. the thirde honoꝝ, and at saint Olfithes
in the countie of Essex, the fourthe honour: as also suche and so many o-
ther honours, in any other place and places within this realme of En-
gland and wales, oꝝ any other his graces dominions, as to his excellent
wisedom shall be thought meete and conuenient: And that his hyghnes
shall also haue full power and auctoꝝitee, by vertue of this act, from time
to time, duryng his hyghnes naturall lyfe, by any suche letters patentes
and proclamacions, to pꝛescribe assigne and appoynte, what sites places
structures and buyldynges, whereof his hyghnesse is oꝝ shall bee sealed
of one estate of inheritaunce, shall be taken and adiudged the chiefe pꝛyn-
cipall and capitall parte and place of the saied honours to be erected, and
of euery of them, and to vnite and annere to euery of the saied honours,
so to bee erected oꝝ made, all and singular suche hundꝛedes foꝛestres ma-
nours chaces parkes sites of monasteries graunges landes tenementes
rentes reuerſions seruices free warren franchises towncshippes hamelet-
tes vil'ages lybertees, and all other suche hereditamentes pꝛofites and
commodities, lyng oꝝ being in any place within this realme of England,
wherof his grace is oꝝ shall be then seised of one estate of inheritaunce, as
shall be conteyned within the limittes and boundes to be declared especy-
fied oꝝ expꝛessed in any suche letters patentes and proclamacions. And
that euery of the saied capitall partes and places, as is afoꝛesaid, to bee
assigned and appoynted, to gether with the hundꝛedes foꝛestres manours
parkes chaces sites of monasteries granges landes tenementes rentes re-
uerſions seruices fraunchyses lybertees and all other hereditamentes to
them (as is aboue mencioned) to be vnited and annexed, immediately af-
ter suche proclamacion made in the hyꝛe, where the capital parte oꝝ place
of any suche honoure oꝝ honours shall lie oꝝ be, shall from hensfoꝛthe bee
called oꝝ named an honour and by suche name and with suche addicion oꝝ
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addicions, as in the same letters patentes, and proclamacions shal by the kynges highnesse be expessed.

And be it further enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that where the kynges maiestee is seised of one estate of inheritance of and in his graces honour and castel of Wyndesore, in the countie of Berk. with al his rightes membres and appurtenaunces, and of and in all that his graces honour of Bealeu, in the countie of Essex, with all and singular his rightes membres and appurtenances: that his highnes shall haue full power and autozitie, by vertue of this acte, as well to vnite knitte and annexe to eyther of the saied honours of Wyndesore and Bealeu, as to any other honour within this his graces realme of Englande, by any suche letters patentes and proclamacions, suche and so many hundredes forestes manours parkes chaces towneshyppes villages hamelettes sites of monasteries granges landes tenementes reuenues rentes reuercions seruices free warren franchises liberties and all suche hereditamentes profyttes and commodities, lyng or beyng in any place or places within this realme of Englande, wherof his highnesse is or then shalbe seised of oone estate of inheritance, as shall be conteyned within the limittes or boundes to be declared especified or expessed in any such letters patentes and proclamacions thereof hereafter to be had or made, And that the same hundredes forestes manours parkes chaces towneshyppes villages hamelettes sites of monasteries granges landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices free warren franchises liberties and euery of theim, and all and singular other hereditamentes profyttes and commodities so to be vnited and annexed to any of the saied honours of Wyndesore or Bealeu, or to any other honour, wherof the kynges highnes is now seised of estate of inheritance, or to any honour hereafter to be erected, at Westm, kyngston vpon Hull, Donyngton, and sayncte Olythes, or in any other place or places within this realme of Englande, and other the kynges dominions, or to any of them by his highnes, in maner and fourme afoze saied, shall immediately after suche letters patentes and proclamacions thereof made, be demed adiudged and taken, and also from henceforth shall be parte parcell and membres of the same honour wher vnto they shall be so assigned annexed and vnyted. And that all and singular manours parkes chaces sites of monasteries granges landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruices free warren franchises liberties and euery of them lyng or beyng in any towne parishe or hamelette, whiche shal be within the limittes to be contained in any such letters patentes and proclamacions, wherof and of the whiche the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires or successors shall be at any tyme hereafter seised of any estate of inheritance by discent from any of the kynges graces noble progenitours, or by eschete or other wyse by forsfayture comyng to the handes of his highnesse his heires or successors shall from tyme to tyme, as they or any of them shall so come to the handes and possessions of his highnes his heires or successors

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four, be vnited annexed deemed and adiudged to all intentes and purposes, as parte parcell and membre of suche and the same of the saied honours, within whose limittes and boundes the same shall lie and be.

And further be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that al and singular the tenauntes, as well freeholders and copyholders, as other, and all and singular persones, whiche owe sute to any of the saied manours, or to any leete lawdaie or courtes to be holden within the precincte of any of them, and the heires successours and assignes of euery of the saied tenauntes, shall do theyr duties seruices and customes, and paie their rentes to the saied sundrie manours, and in suche tyme as they dyd or ought to do before the makynge of this present act. And that the saied tenauntes and suiters and euery of them, or the heires successours and assignes of them or any of them, at any tyme hereafter shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices sutes customes rentes or other charges nor to be compelled to do or paie the same at ne in any other place or places: nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged otherwise than they were or ought to do before the makynge of this acte: any thyng therein conteyned the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persones, their heires executors successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or covenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them of the saied manours and other the premises, or any parte or parcell thereof, or of any leases grauntes or covenantes hereafter to be made or graunted of any the saied manours landes tenementes & other the premises, wherof the kynges highnes his heires or successours shall hereafter be seised of one estate of inheritance, by purchase forfeiture eschete or otherwise (as is aforesaid) lyng and beyng within any the limyttes and boundes to be assigned and appoynted, as is aforesaid, by the owners of the saied manours landes tenementes and other the premises or any parte or parcell thereof or by any of their ancettours or predecessours, or by any other person or persones lawfully aucthorised by them or any of them for any demise lease or graunte thereof so made or to be made: Any thyng in this act to the contrary conteyned notwithstanding.

Furthermore alwaies sayng as wel to the maire and burgeses of Ryngston vpon Hull, aforesaid, as also to euery other persone and persons, bodie politique and corporate, their heires successours executors and assignes, other than suche bodie politique and corporate, and suche other persons as were or hereafter shall be parties and priuites to the bargain sales gyftes or grauntes or forfeitures of the saied manours and other the premises or any parte thereof, and theyr wyues beyng examined of the same, accordyng to the lawes of the realme, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, al such right title

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vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes, for terme of lyfe lyues or peres or other wyse, and all grauntes liberties franchises priuileges iurisdictiones rentes charges profites couenauntes and all and euery other comoditee or commoditees, which they or any of them haue myght or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or shoulde haue in of or to the premisses or any parte or parcell of them, in suche maner and fourme as though this act, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof, had neuer been had ne made: Any thyng in this present act to the contrary not withstanding.

Be it also further enacted by thauctozitee aforesaid, That the saied honour of Wyndesore, and the saied honour, whiche the kynges maiestee entendeth to make at sainte Olithes, and all the manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, whiche be or at any tyme hereafter, by any suche letters patentes and proclamacions, shall be made part percell or membre of the saied honour of Wyndesore and saint Olithes, or of either of them: shall from hensforthe be in the order surueye rule and gouernance of the Court of the kynges generall surueyours, and to be granted let and set to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as other manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court been or oughte to be letten or graunted. And that all the rentes reuenues issues and profittes comynng and growyng within the saied honours of Wyndesore and sainte Olithes, and euery parte thereof, shall be taken and receiued to the kynges vse by the mynisters and officers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as is vled and had of other manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes committed to the order surueie and gouernance of the saied courte of generall surueyours: Any acte statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vled to the contrary therof not withstanding. And that the said honour of Bealeu, and the saied honours, whiche the kynges hyghnes hereafter shall by the grace of god erect or make, at or within the saied citie of Westminster, Kyngston vpon Hull, and Donnyngton, and all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other the premisses aboue reherled, whiche now be, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe made part and parcell of theym or any of theym, shall from hensforthe be in the order suruey rule and gouernance of the courte of Augmentacions of oure saied soueraigne lord the kynges crowne, and to be granted let and set to ferme by the officers and mynisters of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court ben or ought to be letten or graunted. And that all the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, comynng and growyng vppon the same manours and of euery part of them and of euery of them, shal be taken and receiued to the kynges vse, by the mynisters and officers of the same courte of Augmentacions, in suche maner and fourme as is vled and had of other manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes committed to the order suruey and gouernance of the saied court of Augmentacions:

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tions: Any acte statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstanding.

And that euery other honour, whiche shall be by the kynges highnes at any tyme hereafter durynge his life erected and made, or enlarged augmented or encreased by vnityng or annexynge any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes vnto any suche honour) as is abouesaid) in any other place than is aboue particularly by name expressed, and all and singular manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other the premises aboue reherfed, which at any tyme hereafter shall be made part and parcel of any suche honour, shall from hensforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernance of suche court of the kynges highnes, as the capitall and principall parte of the same honour shall be in the rule suruey and gouernaunce of at the tyme of any suche erection, and makynge of the same, or vnityng or annexynge of any landes or possessions to any of the said honours, and to be graunted let and set to ferme, and the profittes issues and reuenues therof receyued and answered by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and forme as other manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes appointed to the same court ben or ought to be.

Provided also, and bee it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned be in any wyse preiudicial or hurtful to the Justices wardens stewardes lieutenantes clerkes of the swanry motes of any forestes parkes or chaces, conteyned in this acte, or to be conteyned in any the said letters patentes and proclamacions for or concernynge any of theyr offices powers or auctoritees, but only for and concernynge surueying of woode and woodsales to be had and made in any the said forestes parkes and chaces.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the mayster of the woodes, or other officers of the same court, shall yerely paie or cause to be paid of suche summes of money as shall yerely arise and come of the woodsales to be made or in the said parkes forestes and chaces aforesaid, all and all maner of fees and wages, as of olde tyme hath ben accustomed to be paid for the exercysynge of any office within the said parkes forestes and chaces, accordynge to a certificat by writynge thereof to be made vnto the said maister of the woodes, by and from the Justices of the forestes or any of theim or any their deputie or deputies in the same office sealed and subscribed by theim or any of theim.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the said maister of the woodes, for the tyme beyng, shall make paiement of all and all maner of reparacions nedefull to be doone in or vpon any pale rayle and lodge within any of the said parkes forestes and chaces, and assigne tymber for the same vpon any request therof to bee made in writynge, by and from any of the said Justices of forestes: And the said maister of the woodes

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woodes shall allowe all maner of felwell and brouse to be spent and occupied within the saied forestes and chaces, as it hath ben of olde tyme there vlsed and accustomed.

And it is also prouided and enacted by thauctoritee aforesaid, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any wodsales within the parkes chaces and forestes aforesaid or any of theim, but by thassent of the Justices of the forestes for the tyme beyng, within whose auctoritee suche forestes chaces and parkes been: Any thyng in thys acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte that fines taken in the countie palantine of Lancastre, shall be of lyke force, as fines knowlaged before Justices of the common place. Cap. xix.



How as muche as diuerse good and beneficiall estatutes for the commoditee of the kynges subiectes within this realm, haue heretofore bene made, by auctoritee of parliament, concerning the leuyng of fines with proclamacion, bothe for auoidyng of strife, and also for the surtee of the kynges subiectes, to bee had of and in landes tenementes and hereditamentes by theim purchased or obteyned: whiche good and beneficiall estatutes do not extende to fines leued in the countie palantine of Lancastre, Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same parliament, that all and singuler fines, whiche at any time hereafter shalbe leued or knowlaged before the Justices of our soueraigne lord the kyng, or of his heires or successours of the countie palantine of Lancastre, commonly called Justices of assise at Lancastre, or before one of theim, of any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, lyng or beyng within the countie palantine of Lancastre, which shalbe openly red and proclaimed thre seuerall daies in the open sessions in the ptesence of the Justices of assise at Lancastre, or of one of theim, for the tyme beyng at the same sessions, that the same fine shall fortune to be ingrossed, and also that shalbe openly red and proclaimed in the ptesence of the Justices of Assise at Lancastre, or of one of theim for the tyme beyng at the two next generall sessions, that shalbe holden in the said countie palantine of Lancastre before the Justices of the same countie, commonly called Justices of Assise of Lancastre, or before one of theim next after the leuyng or ingrossyng of suche saied fine at thre seuerall daies in either of the saied two sessions, after suche maner and forme as is commonly vlsed in the kynges courte of his common place at Westm, shall be of like force strengthe and effecte in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes, as fines beyng duely leued with proclamacions before the kynges Justices of his common place, be or ought to be of.

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Where in the parliament holden at Westm, the .xliii. daie of Januarie, in the .xxxv. yere of the kynges our moste gracious soueraigne lordes reigne, it was amonge other thynges enacted ordeyned and establisshed, that from the .xxiiii. daie of Apryll then next folowynge, the same our soueraigne lord the kynges highnes, his heires or successours vpon any letters patentes of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, not excedynge the clere yerely value of fortye shyllynge, belongynge to any of the late monasteries or religious houses, which came to his graces handes, by the acte of parliament, made at Westm, in the .xxvii. yere of his moste gracious reigne: And vpon any of his or theyr letters patentes, made of any houses tenementes cotages or gardaines, wherunto no landes or hereditamentes did apperteyne, not beyng any of the kynges princely houses, reserued and kepte by a keeper thereof to his graces vse, whiche were belongynge to any of the saied late monasteries or religious houses, compysed in the saied acte, made in the saied .xxvii. yere of oure saied soueraigne lord the kynges reigne: By whiche letters patentes any estate of inheritance shulde or might passe from the kynges hyghnesse, his heires or successours, might reserue vpon the same letters patentes to his highnes his heires and successours at his and theyr owne wyll and pleasure, eyther a tenure by knyghtes seruice in Capite, or els a tenure in socage, or free burgage, and not in Capite: any lawe custome vslage, or any other thyng to the contrary therof not withstanding, as by the same acte made in the saied .xxxv. yere of our saied soueraigne lord the kynges reigne amongest other thynges moze playnely appereth. For as muche as diuerse and sundrie ambiguities and doubttes haue ryssen and growen sithen the makynge of the saied acte in the saied .xxxv. yere of our saied soueraigne lord the kynges reigne, as wel vpon the exposition of the wordes contained in the saied acte, in that that the saied acte doeth not extend to any landes or tenementes, other then suche as be expessed in the saied acte, made in the saied .xxvii. yere of our saied soueraigne lord the kynges reigne, as also vpon the tenures of diuers manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes by his highnes geuen and graunted sithen the saied .xxiiii. daie of Apryll in the saied .xxxv. yere of his moste noble reigne:

Be it therfore now ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritee of this present parliament, that all manours landes tenementes rentes reuenues personages tithes and other hereditamentes, not beyng at the tyme of the makynge of any suche letters patentes heretofore made sithen the saied .xxiiii. daie of Apryll, aboue the clere yerely value of fortye shyllynge: and all houses mesuages cotages courtillages orchardes yardes and gardaines, wherunto no other landes tenementes or hereditamentes were belongynge or apperteynyng, not beyng any of the kynges princely houses, reserued
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and kept by a keeper therof to his graces vse, by what so euer title or titles they or any of them came vnto his maiestees handes, heretofore geuen or graunted by his maiestee, to any person or persons or bodies politike, sit then the saied. xxiii. daie of Aprill, in the saied. xxxv. yere of his reigne, by his letters patentes, wherby any estate of inheritance hath passed from his highnes: to holde the same of his highnes his heyres and successours by fealtee onely, or by fealtee onely and not in Capite, or in socage or free burgage, or by fealtee onely in free and comon socage, or by fealtee onely in free and comon socage and not in Capite, or by any maner of suche like wordes in effecte: Or to holde the same by fealtee, as of any of his graces honours manours or landes, or by fealtee onely, as of any of his graces honours manours or landes, and not in Capite, or by any such like wordes in effect: Shall from the date of euery suche letters patentes be adiudged taken and demed to all intentes and purposes, to be holden in socage or burgage, and not in capite, accoꝝdyng to the veraie expresse and plaine wordes conteyned in any suche letters patentes, without any further implication construction or explanacion of the lawe thereof to be made or had by any person or persons agaynst the same, and in no maner of wyse to be deemed adiudged or taken to be holden in capite, any ambiguitee doubt or other thying heretofore risen or moued, or hereafter to be moued stered or set furthe to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctozitee aforesaid, that the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, at any tyme or tymes within fyue yeres, next after the first daie of Nouembꝛe laste paste, shall and maie at his or their owne willes and pleasure, vpon any letters patentes made or hereafter to be made of any manours landes tenementes rentes reuerfions seruices personages tithes poꝛcions pencions, and other hereditamentes, not beyng rated or valued at the tyme of the makynge of any such letters patentes aboue the summe of foztie shyllynge by yere, wherby any estate of inheritance hath or shall passe frome his highnes, his heyres or successours (houses mesuages cotages or chardes yardes and gardens, wherunto no other landes tenementes or hereditamentes do apperteyne onely excepte) And also shall and maie vpon any lyke letters patentes hereafter to bee made within the saied fyue yeres, of any houses mesuages cotages or chardes yardes curtilages or gardens, wherunto no other landes tenementes or hereditamentes do apperteine, not being any of the kynges princely houses, reserued and kept by a keeper therof to his graces vse, by what so euer title or titles the saied manors lande tenementes rentes reuerfions seruices personages tithes poꝛcions pencions houses tenementes cotages gardens and other the premisses or any of them, so to be geuen or graunted, be come, or hereafter shall come to his graces handes, his heires or successours, reserue either a tenure by knightes seruice in capite, or els a tenure by fealtee, or in socage or burgage, and not in capite. And that all and singular the saied seuerall tenures as well heretofore

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tofoze referued and made sithen the saied. xxiii. daie of Aprill, in the saied xxxv. yere of our said soueraigne lord the kynges reigne, as hereafter with in the saied fyue yeres nexte hereafter folowynge, to be referued oꝛ made, and haupng these woꝛdes, et non in capite, shal from the date of euery suche letters patentes be demed adiudged and taken to be tenures in socage oꝛ burgage, and not in capite. And that the patentees of the same manors landes tenementes and other the pꝛemisses oꝛ any parte thereof, their heires and assignes, and euery other person and persons, hauing the same oꝛ any parte therof, shal hold the same manours landes tenementes houses cotages and other hereditamētes, comprised in any such letters patentes of our saied soueraigne loꝛde the kyng, his heires and successours, and haupng the saied woꝛdes, et non in capite, by the seruice of fealtee in socage oꝛ burgage, accoꝛdyng to the expꝛesse woꝛdes conteyned in any suche letters patentes: and shal not holde the same oꝛ any parte thereof, of our saied soueraigne loꝛde, his heires oꝛ successours in chief oꝛ in capite: noꝛ shalbe compelled by reason onely of the same, to sue any liuery, make fine foꝛ alienacion, oꝛ sue any licence oꝛ pardone foꝛ any alienacion only therof. And the heire and heires of euery suche patentee, oꝛ of their heires oꝛ assignes, oꝛ of any other, hauing any estate right oꝛ title, of in oꝛ to the same manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, and haupng no oꝛther landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes holden of the kynges highnes in capite, shal and maie freely and laufully, after the deathe of any suche patentee, their heires oꝛ assignes, oꝛ other person oꝛ persons, hauing any suche estate right oꝛ title, enter into the said manours landes tenementes houses cotages and other hereditamentes, comprised oꝛ to bee comprised in any suche letters patentes, without sewyng of liuerie, oustre le maine, oꝛ any fyne oꝛ fee to be paied foꝛ any liuerie onely thereof, to our saied soueraigne loꝛde the kyng, his heires oꝛ successours foꝛ the same, by reason onely of suche tenure in socage oꝛ burgage, expꝛessed oꝛ to be expꝛessed in any of the saied letters patentes: any lawe custome oꝛ vsage heretofore had oꝛ vsed to the contrary thereof in any wise not withstandynge.

An acte foꝛ the vnion of churches, not excedyng the value of. vi. li. Cap. xxi.



Where in diuers and sundrie places within this realme of Englande, there be many and sundry personages, the glebes tithes and yereley reuenues and pꝛofites wherof be not sufficient to fynde a prieste oꝛ curate to serue oꝛ mynister to the parisheners therof, within a mile oꝛ lesse of the churche, of whiche pooꝛe personages there is in many places an other churche pertynyng to an other parishe, standynge as necessarie and commodiously foꝛ the accesle of the parisheners of the other pooꝛe parishe, as their owne dooeth: And foꝛ as much as the charges foꝛ the

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the mayntenance of suche two churches and chappelles with all maner of reparacions ornautes and other accustomed dueties perteynyng to a churche, be muche greater than maie be wel reised or borne amongste suche poore parisheners, and might and shuld be eased and remedied by the vnytyng and knyttynge of suche two churches in one. It maie therefore please the kynges roiall maiestee, with the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that it maie be enacted and established, that a vnyon or consolidacion of two churches in one, or of a churche and chapell in one, the one of theim not beyng aboue the yerely value of sixe poundes, as it is rated and valued at to the kynges highnes, in his court of the first frutes and tenthes, and not distant from the other aboue one mile in any place or places within this realme of Eng. ande, maie be from hensforth had or made by the assent of the ordinarie and ordinaries of the diocese, where suche churches and chapelles standen, and by the assentes of the incumbentes of them, and of all suche as haue a iuste right title & interest to the patronages of the same churches and chapels, beyng then of full age. And that all suche vnyons and consolidacions had or made of two churches in one, or of a churche and chapell in one, as is aforesaid, shall be good sufficient lafull firme stable and auayleable in the lawe to remayne endure and continue for euer vnited and knitte in one, in suche maner and fourme, as by wrytyng or wrytynges vnder the seales of suche ordinaries incumbentes and patrons it shall be declared and sette forth.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all vnyons and consolidacions of all churches and chapelles, whiche haue heretofore ben vnited or knitte to gether in one by the assent of the ordinaries incumbentes and true and lafull patrons in fee simple of them, as is aforesaid, shall also remayne and be from hensforth adiudged and demed in the lawe to endure and continue for euer vnited and knitte in one, without any dissolucion vndooyng vnknittynge or repeale of theim or any of theim, by any maner of meane or waie. Sauyng vnto the kynges maiestee, his heyres and successours all the tenthes and firste frutes of all suche churches and chapels, as be heretofore vnited or consolidated in one, or that hereafter shall be vnited and consolidated in one, accordyng to the same or suche like rates and valuacions as the same churches and chapelles or any of theim nowe are rated or valued at to the kynges saied maiestee, in his saied highnes court of the first frutes and tenthes.

PROVIDED alwaie, that all vnyons and consolidacions, and euery of theim, hereafter to be had or made of any churche or chapelle within any citie or towne corporate within this realme of Englande without the assent of the maire shiriffes and comminaltee of the citie, where suche churches churche or chapell be or shall be: Or without the assent of suche bodies corporate of other townes corporate, where suche churches churche or chapell be or shall be, by the names of their corporations in wrytyng vnder

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der their common seale, shall be clerely voyde and of no force ne effect: any thyng befoze expessed, oꝛ any oꝛdinance law custome oꝛ statute to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandyng.

PROVIDED also that where the inhabitauntes of any suche pooze parishe, oꝛ the moze parte of theim, within one yere nexte after the vnion oꝛ consolidacion of the same parishe, by their wꝛityng sufficient in the lawe, shall assure the incumbent of the saied parishe foꝛ the yerele paiement of so muche money, as with the summe that the saied parishe is rated and valued at in the kynges highnes saied court of the firste frutes and tenthes, shall amount to the full summe of .viii. li. sterlyng, to be leuied and paid yerele by the saied inhabitantes to the saied incumbent and his successours: that than all suche vnions oꝛ consolidacions hereafter to be had oꝛ made of any suche pooze parishe, as is afoze saied, shall bee voyde and of none effecte: any thyng statuted oꝛ oꝛdeyned to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaies, that this saied pꝛouiso shall not extende to any vnion oꝛ consolidacion of any churche oꝛ chappell had oꝛ made befoze the makyng of this estatute: any thyng in the saied pꝛouiso mencioned to the contrary thereof not withstandyng.

An acte to fill vp the iuries de circumstantibus. Cap. xxii.

BE it enacted and established by the kyng our soueraigne loꝛde, the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that the acte foꝛ none apparaunce in iuries to haue De circumstantibus, made at Westm at the parliament holden the .xxxv. yere of our said soueraigne loꝛdes reigne shall continue and remaine vnto the ende of the nexte parliament in his full force and strength, in as ample maner, as in the said act is purpoꝛted

An acte foꝛ the continuance of certayne statutes. Cap. xxiii.



where in the parliament begun and holden at London, the third daie of Nouembꝛe in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste dꝛad soueraigne loꝛde kyng Henry the eight, and from thens adioyned to Westm, and there holden and continued by diuers pꝛorogacions vnto the dissolution therof, an acte was made and established declaryng and concernyng as wel how aged pooze and impotent persons compelled to lyue by almes shuld be oꝛdered and vsed, and also howe vacabundes & myghtie strong beggers shuld be whipped and punished, and at the said parliament one other acte was made & established, foꝛ the restraint of cariying and conuysyng of hoxses and mares out of this realme, which said two

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seuerall actes were also made to endure to the laste daie of the next parliament, as by the same two seuerall actes moze plainely appereth, and also one other act was there made in the saied parliament for the true makynge of cables halters and ropes, and also one other act for the true winding of wolles, and one other act to restraine killyng of wainlyng bullockes steeres and heyffers, beyng vnder the age of two yeres, whiche said thre seuerall actes laste befoze remembred, were then made to endure and contynue vnto the next parliament, as by the same thre seuerall actes moze plainly appereth. and where also in the same parliament one other act was made and establisshed, for the atteyntes to be sued for the punishment of perjury, bypon vntreue verdictes, And also one other acte was made there in the saied parliament, concernyng sowynge of flaxe and hempe, all whiche two seuerall actes laste befoze rehersted were then made and ordeyned to continue and endure, to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same two seuerall actes moze plainly at large is shewed and maie appeere: And where also in the saied parliament, one other acte was made and establisshed, for makynge of Jailes in dyuerse shyres of this realme, whiche same act was then made to continue and endure for one yere nexte after the end of the same parliamente: as by the same acte also moze plainly appereth. and where also in the parlyament, begun and holden at westm the, viii. daie of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saied moste drazd soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntill the dissolucion thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted that all and syngular the saied actes aboue remembred, and euery of them should continue and endure, in their force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kept vntill the last day of the next parliament, as by the same act amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze plainly appereth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at westm the, xxviii. day of Aprill, and there continued vntyll the .xxviii. daie of June, in the .xxxi. yere of the reigne of oure saied moste drazd soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritee of the same parliamente, that al and syngular the saied seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all clausies articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteined, should continue and endure in their force and strength and also be obserued and kept, vntyll the laste daie of the next parliamente, as by the same act amonges other thynges therein conteyned, moze plainly appereth. And where also in the last session of the same parlyament, begun at westm the xii. daie of Apryll in the saied .xxxi. yere of the kynges moste noble reigne and there by diuers prouogacions continued vntill the .xxxi. daie of July, in the .xxxi. yere of our saied soueraigne lord the kynges reigne, there was one other act made and establisshed, for and concerning the reformation of mispleadynge, Jeofailes, and attourneys, whiche saied acte laste mencioned with the prouiso were made to endure vntill the last day of the nexte parliament, as by the same act amonges other thynges therein con-

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teined more plainly appereth. And where in the same parliament, an acte was made concernyng byeng of fishe vpon the sea, and one other act was made concerning the making of woꝛsted yarue, in the countie of Noꝛff. as by the same two actes more at large it maie and dooeth appere. And also one other acte was there made in the saied parliament foꝛ reasonable pꝛices of wines to be sette, and one other acte was made there in the saied parliament concerning the oꝛderpng and discharging of shireffes by theyꝛ oꝛthes, vpon their accoumptes, as by the same two actes laste recited more plainely in the same actes it doeth appeere. And foꝛ as muche as all and singular the saied seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficial foꝛ the common welthe of this realme, be it therfoꝛe enacted and oꝛdeyned, by the auctoꝛitee of this present parliament, that the saied acte concerning the byeng of fishe vpon the sea, and the saied acte concernynge and declaring how aged and impotent persons compelled to liue by almes should be oꝛdered and vled, and also howe vacabundes and mighty strong beggers, should be whipped and punished, and al the residue of the actes and statutes aboue mencioned, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and pꝛouisions, in them and euery of them contened, shall continewe and endure in their foꝛce and strengthe and bee obserued and kepte in all thinges, vnto the last daie of the next parlyament. And where in the saied act concerning the setting of pꝛices of wines, it is contened that the loꝛde chauncellour of Englande, loꝛde tresourer, loꝛde president of the kynges counsell, loꝛde pꝛiue seale and the two chiefe Justyces, oꝛ. v.iiii. oꝛ. iii. of them, should haue power and auctoꝛitee by their dyscrecions, to sette the pꝛices of all kyndes of wyne, as by the same act more plainly appereth, be it nowe oꝛdeyned and enacted by the auctoꝛitee of this present parliament, that the saied loꝛd chauncellour, loꝛd tresourer loꝛde president loꝛde pꝛiue seale, and the two chiefe iustices oꝛ. v.iiii. oꝛ. iii. of them, shall yere-ly set the pꝛices of all kyndes of the saied wyne mencioned in the saied foꝛmer act betwene the .xx. daie of Nouembꝛe, and the last daie of Decembꝛe, and at no other tyme oꝛ tymes, and that all and euery person sellyng in gosse oꝛ by retaile, any of the saied wyne mencioned in the same acte, shall not sell any of the same wyne aboue the pꝛices, so by them set, vpon suche paine and foꝛfaiture as bee made and pꝛouided in the same statute made at westm̄ the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saied mooste dꝛad so- ueraigne loꝛde the kyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoꝛitee afoꝛesaid, that yf any person oꝛ persons, that nowe haue, oꝛ hereafter shall haue any maner of wine to sel in gosse within any citie boꝛoughe town coꝛporate, oꝛ any other hauen coꝛporate towne oꝛ townes within this realme, oꝛ within any the kynges dominions oꝛ territories of the same, and do at any time herafter refuse to sell any kynde of the same wyne, accoꝛdyng to the pꝛice as nowe oꝛ at any time herafter shalbe lymitted and apointed by the saied loꝛd chauncellour, loꝛd tresourer, loꝛd president, loꝛde pꝛiue seale, and other the saied chiefe

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chiefe Justices, oꝛ by any five .iiii. oꝛ .iii. of them: that then it shalbe lawfull to the Maire of the citie of London, Recorder of the same citie, and two of the auncient aldermen of the same citie, beyng no vinters, foꝛ the tyme beyng: and to the Maire baillyffes aldermen, and other the head officers, oꝛ to any two of them, whereof the Maire oꝛ chiefe Alderman oꝛ baillyffe to be one, within all and euery other citie boꝛough and poꝛt town within this realme, wherin any wyne now be, oꝛ hereafter shal be to sel: to enter into the houses sellars and places of al and euery such owner and owners of the same wyne, in any of the saied cities boꝛoughes and poꝛte townes, and the same wyne, lawfully to sell, to the vse of the owners of the same wyne, to any person and persones wyllyng to bie the same, accordyng to such pꝛices and rate, as by the saied lord Chancellor, lord treasurer, lord president, lord priue seale, and the saied two chiefe Justices, oꝛ by any .v. .iiii. oꝛ .iii. of them, is oꝛ hereafter shalbe set limited and assigned, accordyng to the tenour of the saied acte, made in the saied. xxviii. yere of the kynges maiestees reigne.

CAN ACTE for the confirmation of a Subsidie graunted
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Where the prelates & the Clergie of the prouince of Canturburie haue loupyngly and liberally foꝛ certayne considerations, geuen and graunted to the kynges maiestee, a Subsidie of sixe shyllinges of the pound, to bee taken and leuyed of all and singular the spirituall promotions within the same prouynce, duryng the terme of two yeres now nexte ensuyng, in suche certayne maner and fourme, and with diuerse exceptions and prouisions, specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them therof made and deliuered to the kynges highnes vnder the seale of tharchebysshop of Canturburie, as in the same instrumente exhybted in this present parliament moze plainely it doth appere, the tenour wherof ensueth in these woꝛdes.

The prelates and clergie of the prouince of Canturburie (your highnesse moste humble and moste bounden daiely oratours) considering and weyghyng thineestimable coste and charges, whiche your moste roiall maiestee of long season hath susteyned, and continually susteyneth, farre exceeding the expenses of any your noble progenitours by sundry occasions, and amonges other by reason of the most weightie affaires of your warres, in maynteynyng of your great puissant and mightie armies, both in Scotland and Fraunce, by land and by seas, foꝛ the defence and publyke welthe of this your realme, and other your dominions. Consyderyng also how that in suche vrgent necessitees and occasions, it is moste conuenient, that all membes doo suffre and beare with their naturall heade, by whome the wholle bodye is gouerned staied directed and preserued, and

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Specially suche members as by the same head receiue most benefite and reliefe. Wee therfore your obedient clergie both acknowlage our most bounden duetie and office towarde your maiestie our chiefe heade vnder almighty God: and also calling to our myndes, how that aboue all other your louyng subiectes, we be most bounden vnto your excellencie for many causes and benefittes, and singularly among other for the special quietnesse, whiche we enioy by your maiesties godly prouidence in this most busie and troublous tymes, enioying in the middes of the mooste cruell and deadly warres, the benefite comoditee and fruite of peace and quietnesse, hauyng alwaies tranquill oportunitie, withoute impedymment of disturbance, to applie our selfe onely to serue God in suche wise as to our vocacion and duties apperteyneth: haue of our owne mere louyng tendinge myndes and good will geuen and granted, and by these presentes do geue and graunt vnto your maiestie, a subsidie towarde your said charges, in maner and fourme folowyng: That is to saie, that euery archebishop bishop deane archdeacon prebendarie prouoste maister of colleges maister of hospitalies, persone vicare chauntrie preste, and euery other person and persons, of what so euer name or degree he or they be, enioying any spirituall promocion, or other tempoꝛall possessions to the same spirituall promocion annexed, nowe not diuided nor separate by acte of parliament or otherwise from the possession of the clergie, shall paie to youre highnesse for euery pounce that he maie yerely spend by reason of the said spirituall promocion, the summe of sixe shillynges. And for the true and certayne knowlage of the yerely values of the saied promocions, and euery of theim, wherof the paiement shuld be made, the rate taxation and valuacion and estimacion remaynyng of recoꝛde in your maiesties court of the first frutes and tenthe for the paiement of the perpetuall disme, concernyng all suche promocions as bee in possession of your Clergie, or any other not diuided by acte of parliament or otherwise (as is aforesaid) shall be folowed and obserued without making any valuacion rate taxation or estimacion, other than in your saied recoꝛde is comprised.

¶ Prouided alwaies that for as muche as the tenthe parte of the saied valuacion and tare before mencioned, is yerely paid to your highnesse for the perpetuall disme, so as there remaineth onely nine partes to the incumbent clere, this subsidie of sixe shillynges of the pounce shall bee vnderstande of the same nine partes and of no more.

¶ Prouided alwaies that no person, that is already promoted to any spirituall benefice sithen the firste daie of Maie last paste before the date hereof, or that hereafter shall be promoted to any spirituall benefice, on this side the firste daie of Maie, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god a thousande five hundred fortye and seuen, shall be contributoꝛie or charged to your highnesse with any parte of this subsidie, duryng the fyfthe yere of his saied promocion.

Your saied prelates and clergie also grant, that this subsidie of. vi. s. of the

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of the pound of the yerely clere value of euery promotion, taxed as afoze, shall bee paid to your maiestee within two yerres nexte insuyng the date hercof, at the Receipte of your graces Treasozarie of your court of first frutes and tenthes, oz of any other persone oz persones, whome it shall please your highnes to appoint therunto, that is to saie, thre shillynges of euery pounce in euery of the saied two yerres, at suche daies and tymes as hereafter foloweth: that is to saie, At the firste daie of Maie next insuyng, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god, a thousande five hundred fortie and six. And in the saied first daie of Maie then next folowing, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord God a thousand five hundred fortie and seuen.

Item we your graces said prelates and clergie also graunt, that euery priest, hauing a pension by reason of the dissolucion of any of the late monasteries colleges and hospitales, oz any other incorporation within the saied prouince of Canturburie, shall likewise paie to your highnesse vi. s. of euery pounce of the saied pensions, within the saied two yerres, at suche daie and tyme as is befoze specified: And that for the sure paiement therof a deduction and retencion of the saied six shillynges be made in the handes of the payers of the saied pension, after the propozcion of iii. s. of the pounce, euery of the saied two yerres to be deliuered and paid unto your maiestees vse, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the Subsidie of. vi. s. aforesaid shall be paid unto.

Item your saied prelates and clergie also graunt, that euery priest, receyving annuall stipende, beving no perpetuete, within the saied prouince, shall paie unto your graces vse. vi. s. viii. d. in euery of the same two yerres, at the same daies, and vnder the same penaltees as the rest of the clergie do paie for their promotions.

Item the same prelates and clergie further graunten, that euery archebyschop and byschop, and the see beyng vacant, euery deane and chapter of that see voyde, shall bee collectours of this subsidie within theyr propre diocese.

And for the better recouerie of the saied collection your saied prelates and clergie humbly beseechen your highnes, that they maye haue full power and auctoritee, by your maiestee and highe courte of parliament, to vse all suche waies meanes and proseses, as be prescribed in your acte of your perpetuall disine, for the collection and leuyng of the same: and shall make accompt therof befoze the chauncellour oz tresorier and other officers of your graces courte of firste frutes and tenthe, oz in such other place, as it shall please your highnes to appointe, in suche wyse and after suche fourme onely, as the saied archebyschop and bishoppes be now charged for the collection of the perpetuall disine: xxherby is ment, howe the lacke and default of paiement of and for any particullar promotion, shall onely charge the incumbent, and such as be bounde to paie the same,
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and that vpon such peynes as be prouided in that act of perpetual disme, against them that make default in that behalfe. And that tharchebishop bihop oꝛ deane & chapter, gathering that they can receyue, & making paiement therof, shall foꝛ the rest, not by them receiued, be discharged by their certificate to be made by the first daie of August in euery of the saied two yerres, into your courte of first frutes and tenth. And .vi. s. of euery pounce, wherwith the collectours shall be charged in his accompt, clerely to be paied into the saied receipte, oꝛ into such other place as it shall please your excellencie to appoynte, shall be allowed to the same collectour foꝛ his saied accompt foꝛ the same, foꝛ the charges and collection portage and faulfe conueyng and payng of the saied Subsidie.

PROVIDED alwaies that this Subsidie graunted by your Clergie, shall not be demaunded oꝛ leuied out of any benefice oꝛ college, situate oꝛ set within your vniuersitees of Oxfoꝛde oꝛ Cambꝛidge, oꝛ of any benefice oꝛ other reuenues, vnto any college of Oxfoꝛde oꝛ Cambꝛidge vniued appoynted oꝛ apperteynyng: oꝛ of your college of Eton nighe Wyndesore: oꝛ of the college of Wynechestre, founded by William Wykeham, sometime bishop of Wynechestre, oꝛ of any other churche oꝛ benefice, oꝛ of any other reuenues to the saied colleges oꝛ to any of them annexed appoynted, oꝛ otherwise apperteynyng.

PROVIDED alwaies that noo spirituall promotion, oꝛ any landes oꝛ reuenues annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunte oꝛ act of the prouynce of Canturburie, oꝛ any goodes oꝛ cattalles, growng, beyng oꝛ renewng of the same, and perteynyng to the owners of the saied spirituall promotions and landes, shall be charged oꝛ made contributory to any. xv. oꝛ other Subsidie alredie graunted to your highnes of the laie see, oꝛ hereafter to be graunted, during the terme of the saied. ii. yerres.

Item we your graces saied humble prelates & Clergie further grant that euery of your graces newe erected byshops deanes prebendaries petycanons, and preachers, shall be charged to this subsidie foꝛ their owne porcions onely thereof to paie. vi. s. of the pounce within the saied two yerres, as is aboue rehersed, of other bishops and spirituall persons, and those porcions of rentes and reuenues, whiche your highnes hath geuen vnto them foꝛ the mayntenance of pooꝛe men, grammarians queresters studentes and other officers and ministers, not to bee charged with any parte of this Subsidie.

PROVIDED also that euery person vicar oꝛ other spirituall man, payng any pension, wherof none allowance is made in the valuation of his saied benefice, shall and maie reteyne thre shyllynges of euery pounce of euery suche pension, euery yere duryng the saied two yerres, to his owne reliefe in consideration that he is charged to paie this Subsidie of six shyllynges of the pounce out of euery pounce of the hole value of his promotion.

And foꝛ the sure and true paiemente of this Subsidie, graunted by
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your saied p̄lates and clergie of the prouynce of Canturburie, according to the tenour purp̄te effecte and true meanyng of this p̄sente Instru-
ment, your saied oratours the p̄lates and the clergie moste humbly de-
sire and require your highnesse, that this theyr saied gyftes graunte and
Subsidie, and euery matter summe of money clause and sentence in this
Instrument conteyned, concernyng the saied Subsidie, maie bee ratified
establyshed & confirmed by auctoritee of your highe court of parliament.

And for the sure and true paicment of the saied Subsidie, graunted
by the saied p̄lates and Clergie of the said prouince of Canturburie, ac-
cording to the tenour effecte and true meanyng of the saied Instrument,
Be it enacted by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritu-
all and tempozall, and of the commons in this p̄sente parliament assem-
bled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that the saied gyfte and graunte,
and euery matter summe of money clause and sentence in the saied instru-
ment conteyned, be ratified establyshed and confirmed by thauctoritee a-
foze saied.

And further moze be it enacted by thauctoritee of this p̄sente par-
liament, that euery persone that shall bee appointed to the collection and
gatheryng of the saied subsidie, shall haue full power and auctoritee, to
leuie take and perceiue the same subsidie, by authozitee of the Censures
of the churche, or by distresse vpon the possession of the fermours or ow-
ners of the landes and tenementes, chargeable by this acte for or to the
paicment of any summe or summes of money, or otherwise by the discre-
cion of the collectours therof. And that no repleuie prohibicion or super-
sedeas shall be allowed or obeyed for any person or persones makyng de-
faute of paicment of the saied subsidie, contrary to the tenor of the grant
therof: vntill suche tyme as they haue truely satisfied and contented all
suche parte and porcion, as to them in that behalfe apperteyneth. And
that euery suche fermour or fermours, that shall fortune hereafter to bee
charged, to and with the paicment, or any parte of the saied subsidie, shall
by thauctoritee afoze saied, be allowed, and reteyne in his handes, as mu-
che of his yerely ferme and rent, as the summe whiche he shall fortune to
paie for his lord or lessour, shall extende and amount vnto: any writyng
couenaunt bonde or other thyng had or made to the contrary in any wyle
not withstandyng.

And for the leuyng of the saied Subsidie of fyre shillynge of the
pounde, and for the yerely pensions, whiche any prieste or other person or
persons, whiche heretofore haue ben religious, or taken for religious per-
sones do or shall receyue at the court of Augmentacions, the chancellour
of the same courte, for the tyme beyng, shall yerely, duryng the saied two
yeres, that is to saie, at the feaste of the Annunciacion of our lady nexte
commynge, and at the same feaste of the Annunciacion of our lady then
nexte ensuyng, deteyne and reteyne in his handes, or cause to be deteyned

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or receyved in the handes of other the officers and mynisters of the same courte, to the kynges vse, for every pounce of the same pencions. iii. s. And the same shall well and truly paie or cause to be paid, into the saied courte of the tenth and first frutes, or els where as the kynges highnes shall appoynte, befoze the fyrste daie of August, without any charge to be made or susteyned in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that every other person or persones, whiche paie or be chargeable to pay any yerely rent pencion or pencions to any priest or other person or persones, whiche heretofore haue ben religious, or taken for religious persons, chargeable to the paiement of the saied subsidie, that every suche person or persones, whiche do so paie, or hereafter shall paie any of the saied yerely rentes pencion or pencions, shall not onely duryng the saied two yeres, receyve in his handes yerely to the kynges vse, for every pounce of the same yerely rentes pencion or pencions. iii. s. and the same well and truly paie or cause to be paid yerely, during the same two yeres, vnto the ordinarie of the same dioces, or to the collectours of the said subsidie there to the kynges vse, but also shall yerely, duryng the same two yeres, befoze the first daie of Maie, certifie vnder his or their seale or seales, vnto the saied court of the tenth and fyrst frutes, or els where it shall please the kynges highnes to appointe, the names and surnames of all and singular such priestes, or other persons religious, or heretofore taken for religious persons, as is aforesaid, and the true yerely rentes or pencions, whiche they or any of them be intytled to haue or receyue yerely, as is aforesaid.

And that the chauncellour for the tyme beyng, of the kynges court of Augmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, shall likewise yerely, duryng the saied two yeres, befoze the fyrst daie of Maie, certifie vnder the seale of the same courte, not onely the names and surnames of al and singular priestes and other persones chargeable for the saied severall rentes and yerely pencions to the paiement of the saied subsidie, in the saied courte of the tenth and first frutes, or els where it shall please the kynges maieste to appoynt, but also the true and iuste yerely summe and summes of the same yerely rentes or pencions, with the names and surnames of the persons chargeable to the paiement therof.

And that the archebischoppe and bisshoppe of every diocesse within the saied prouince of Canturburie, shall yerely, duryng the saied two yeres, befoze the fyrste daie of August, certifie vnder his seale, in the saied courte of the tenth and first frutes, or els where it shall please the king to appoynt, the names and surnames of al and singular stipendarie priestes, beyng within any of their dioces, chargeable to the saied paiement of the saied subsidie, as is aforesaid. And also the names and surnames of every suche person and persones, with whome he or they do dwell, and take any stipend or wages.

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that every suche person or persones, whiche within the saied two yeres, shall geve and paye any stipende or wages to any suche prieste (as is aforesaid) shall for the insufficiency or defaulte of every of the same priest or priestes being in scrupce or wages with hym, at the saied first daie of Maie be charged and chargeable to and with the paiement of .vi. s. viii. d. for the same yere.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied archetishop bishoppes and all other persons chargeable to and with the collection of the saied Subsidie of .vi. s. the pounde, within the saied prouince of Caunturburie, shall haue vpon every paiemente therof made in the kynges court of the tenth and first frutes, or els where the kynges maiestee shall appoynte, a sufficient Acquitaunce in wrytyng of suche person or persons as the kynges maiestee shall appointe for the receipt thereof, the same Acquitaunce witnessyng the same receipte of as much of the same summe of the same subsidie, as shall be by any of them so receiued. And every suche Acquitaunce in wrytyng, sealed and subscribed with the name or names of every suche persone or persones, that so by the kynges appointment shall receiue any of the saied summes of money, shall be as good and effectuell in the lawe and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if it were made by acte of parliament. And that every person and persones, which shall haue and receiue any suche Acquitaunce, shall paye but onely two pence for everye of the same acquitaunce.

Be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that al and every grant and grauntes of all and every summe and summes of money, which hereafter shall bee graunted to the kynges hyghnesse by the clergie of the prouince of Yorke, shall bee of the same strength force and effecte in all thynges, as the saied graunt made by the saied prouince of Canturbury: And shall be taxed certified collected leued and gathered, accordyng to the tenour forme and effecte of this present acte of parliament, to all intentes constructions and purposes, in suche maner as though it were specially playnly and particularly expressed and reherled in this present acte by expressed wordes termes and sentences in their seueral natures and kindes.

Provided alwaie and bee it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that every lay person, haupng any spiritual promocioun chargeable by this act, and also haupng tempozal possessions goodes cattalles and debtes, chargeable to the subsidie, graunted by the tempozalte, shall be charged taxed and set for his said spiritual promocioun with the clergie: And for his tempozall possessions goodes and cattalles with the tempozalte, and not otherwise.

Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritee aboue saied, that al suche as haue ben religious persons and other haupng any pencion by reason of any dissolucion of any late monasterie college or hospitalles, or
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any other corporations within the prouince of Canturbury and Yorke, or any of them, and beyng of the summe of fourtie shillings or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable to the saied subsidie or any parte therof for any suche pencion of .xl. s. or vnder: Any thyng conteyned in this act, or in any the said instrumentes, or any of them, to the contrarie notwithstanding.

God saue the kyng.



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ANNO. M.D. XLVI.

**The acte concernyng the Subsidie
graunted of the Tempozaltie.**



Where the kynges maiesties moſte humble feithfull and obedient ſubiectes, the lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, prudently calling to our remembraunce, how longe we haue enioyed the ſpeciall grace and bleſſing of god, before al other nations of the worlde, hauing continued and prospered nowe theſe many yeres vnder ſo godly and vertuous a prince, whole moſt excellent vertue and wiſedome, beſides other his innumerable benefites conferred to this realme, hath conſerued vs in tranquillitee and peace, euen from the begynnyng of his reigne vntill nowe of late, this his highneſſe hath ben compelled for God, his frendes, and his owne cauſes, to moue warre in one place, and to defende in an other, agaynſte thauſent enemies of this realme, as well the frenche men as the ſcottes: And alſo conſiderynge the infinite coſtes and charges whiche his highneſſe hath neceſſarily ſuſtained both by ſea and by lande, for the ſuretee comfort and ſaluegarde of vs his naturall and feithfull ſubiectes, agaynſt the mayne force and violence of our ſaied enemies, who againſte all honour and feith haue attempted to make diuers and ſundry inuaſions, ſpoiles burnynges and depopulations in this his maiesties realme of Englande, and other his highneſſe dominions: the force and malice wherof not withſtandynge, we the people of this his realme, haue for the moſte parte of vs, ſo lyued vnder his maiesties ſure protection, and dooe yet ſo lyue out of all feare and daunger, as if there were no warre at all, euen as the ſmalle fiſhes of the ſea, in the moſte tempeſtuos and ſtoꝛmie weather do lie quietly vnder the rocke or banke ſyde, and are not moued with the ſourges of the water, nor ſtirred out of their quiette place, howe ſo euer the wynde bloweth: we can not for our moſt bounden duities, but knowlage and coſeſſe our ſelues to haue and enioye vnder his highneſſe, and by his moſte graciouſe and godly regiment, all that euer we haue in this worlde, rendyng vnto his maiestee next god our moſte humble and immortall thanks, with our moſte humble ſute and lowly praier on our knees, that it maie pleaſe the ſame to perſeuer in ſtudyng and caryng for vs, who beyng left to our ſelues, are not able to continue one daie in ſuche ſorte as his highneſſe hath preſerued vs almoſte theſe forty yeres. And al be it we haue nothyng woꝛthy wherewithall to recompence any parte of his maiesties infinite goodneſſe, ſundrye ways heretofore declared towarde vs, yet to ſhewe our ſelfes mindfull of our moſt bounden duities towarde his maiestee, our moſte gracious and dyad ſoueraigne lord: And likewyſe in conſidracion of his maiesties moꝛe than fatherly affection towarde vs his graciſ pooꝛe ſubiectes, hathe not hitherto for the ſuretie and defence of vs, our wyues and chyldzen, eyther ſpared to employ his moſte roiall perſon, or to conſume his owne treaſure and poſſeſſions, we
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haue consulted together and determined, for a remembraunce and declaration of our good willes and thankfull myndes againe towardes his maiestee, to beseeche his maiestee most humbly, to accepte and graciously to receiue at our handes the simple token or gyfte, whiche we do herewith present to his maiestee in wytyng, freely with one assent grauntynge the same, most humbly beseechynge his maiestee to accepte the same, as a poore token of our true and feithfull hertes towardes hym, as it pleased the great kyng Alexander to receiue thankfully a cuppe of water of a poore man by the high wate syde: And that this our graunt herein maie be ratified and confirmed by his maiesties royal assent, so to be enacted and auctorisied by vertue of this present parliament, as in suche cases heretofore hath ben accustomed. And for as muche as our habilltee doeth want, we wol prae daily to almighty god, to supply towardes his maiestee for vs, remainyng (duryng our liues) his true feithfull and obedient subiectes, euer readie with bodie and gooddes to serue the same from tyme to tyme, accordyng to our mosse bounden duties.

¶ Wherefore we the saied lordes and commons dooe by our mutuall assentes and agreementes, with one hole voyce and hartty good wyll, by thautozitee of this present parliament, geue and graunt to the kynges highnesse towardes his foresaied great costes and inestimable charges, two hole .xv. and .x. to be had paid taken and leuied of the moueable goddes cattalles and other thynges vsuall to suche .xv. and .x. to be contributory and chargeable within the shires, cities, boroughes, townes and other places of this his realme, in maner and fourme afoze tyme vsed: Excepte the summe of twelue thousande pounde therof fully to bee deducted, That is to saie, sixe thousande pounde of either of the saied holle .xv. and .x. of the summe that a .xv. and .x. attaineth vnto, in reliefe comforte and discharge of the poore towne cities and boroughes of this his saied realme, wasted desolate or distroied, or ouergreatly impouerished, after suche rate, as was and hath afoze this tyme be had and made vnto euery shire, and to be deuided in suche maner and fourme, as heretofore for one hole .xv. and .x. was had and deuided. And the saied two hole .xv. and .x. (the excepcions and deductions aforesaied ther vpon had deducted and allowed) to be paid in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to saie, the firste holle .xv. and .x. to be paid to his highnesse in the receipte of his Eschequer befoze the last daie of June next comynge: The second hole .xv. and .x. to bee paid to his highnes at the receipte of his saied eschequer befoze the laste daie of June, in the yere of our lord God, that shall bee a thousande fiue hundredeth fortye and seuen.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctozitee aforesaied, that the knightes elected and retourned of and for the shires within this realme, for this present parliament, citisens of citees, and burgeses of boroughes and townes, where collectours haue bene vsed to be named and appoynted for the collection of any .xv. and .x. befoze this tyme graunted, shall
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name and appoynte yerey before the laste daie of Januarie nexte coming, sufficient and able persons, for the collection of the saied. xv. and. x. in euery of the saied shires cities boroughes and townes, the saied persons then hauing landes tenementes and other hereditamentes in his owne ryghte, of the yerey value of. x. li. or in goodes worthe. C. merc. at the leaste. And also suche person or persons, so by them to be named and appointed for the collection of the saied. xv. and. x. shall be by them severally appoynted and allotted into hundredest, rapes, wapentakes, citices, boroughes and townes. And also the saied persons so named and appointed for the collection of the same. xv. and. x. shall be charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompte or accomptes in the eschequer to be made with all suche summe or summes of money, as the hundredest rapes wapentakes citices boroughes and townes, where he or they shall so happen to be appoynted, amounte vnto, and of no moze summe or summes: And vpon the paiement of such summes of money, as he shall be charged with, shall be discharged and haue his *Quietus est*: the non accomptyng or non paiement of any other his felowes, or the insufficiencie of them or any of them not withstanding. And the names and surnames of euery of the saied collectours for the saied. xv. and. x. together with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the saied knyghtes citizens and burgeses for the shires cities and boroughes, wherunto they be elected named and returned, shall certify euery yere, duryng the saied two yeres, before the kyng in his Chancery yerey before the last daie of februarye then next following accordyng to the tenour of this acte. And if defaute of any suche certifying be had or made, in fourme as is abovesaid: then the lord Chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng, shall immediatly after, name and appoynte collectours for the collection of the same two. xv. and. x. in maner and fourme as the saied knyghtes of the shyre, citizens of citices, and burgeses of boroughes shulde haue done, and as aforetyme haue been vied. The which saied collectours and euery of them, shall haue like allowances vpon their accomptes, for their fees wages and rewardes for the collection of the saied. xv. and. x. in as large maner and fourme, as any collectour or collectours of. xv. and. x. haue had at any season in tyme paste. And also that no collectours, that shall be so named and charged for the collection of any of the saied. xv. and. x. shall be named collectours or charged with the residue of the saied. xv. and. x. And that the barons of the kynges eschequer, for the tyme beyng, shall and maie frome tyme to tyme award such proseses for the speddy paiement therof, against the collectour and collectours of the same, as by their discrecions shall be thoughte convenient.

Provided alwaie and be it enacted, by the auctoritee of this presente parliament, that the saied lord Chauncellour, knyghtes of the shyre, citizens of citices, and burgeses of boroughes townes and other places, hauing auctoritee by this act to name & nominate the saied collectours of or

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for the saied two holle. xv. and. x. and of euery of theim: Shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by auctoritee of this present parliament sufficient recognisances, or by obligacion of euery persone so by them to be named, to be bounden to the kyng in the double summe of the summe of their collection, and to be endozed vpon such condicion, that if the saied collectour or collectours doo truely content and paie to the vse of the kyng in his receipt of his eschequer, befoze the saied laste daie of June than next ensuyng, so muche of the summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he the same collectour hath collected and gathered: and do likewise befoze the saied last daie of the moneth of June, content and paie to the kynges vse, at the same receipte, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he shall haue gathered and collected the same residue, that then the saied recognisance or obligacion to be voyd, or elles to stand in his full strength and vertue: which recognisances or obligacion so taken, the saied knyghtes of the thire citisens and burghesses, and euery of them, takyng any suche recognisances or obligacion, shall certifie and deliuer to the lord Treasurer and barons of the same Eschequer perely, durynge the saied two yeres befoze the said last daie of June than next insuyng, vpon peyne of forfaiture of. x. li. to the kyng for euery recognisance or obligacion so to bee taken and not certified. And that euery suche collectour, vpon requeste to hym made, shall make and knowelage the same recognisance or obligacion accordyngly, vppon like peine and forfaiture of. x. li. to the kyng for his refuse therof. And that the tresourer or barons of the eschequer, vppon the paiement of the same collection, or at the saied date, shall cancell and deliuer the saied recognisance or obligacion to the saied collectour or collectours, without any fee or rewarde to be paid to any person for the same.

AND we the saied lordes spirituall and tempoꝛal and commons of this present parliament assembled, right well perceiuyng the said two holle. xv. and. x. now graunted to his highenesse, as is afoze saied, to extende to a small summe of money, and nothyng sufficient to accomplishe the charges of the saied warres, and other the kynges moste princely affaires, for the defence of vs the kynges mooste louyng subiectes, we the saied lordes and commons, most entierly with good herte and mynde dooe geue and graunt to the kynges highnesse, towarde his foresaied greatte coostes and inestymable charges, one entier Subsidie, to continue by the space of two yeres to be rated taxed leued and paid of euery persone spirituall and tempoꝛall, of what estate or degree he bee of, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, in maner and fourme folowyng: That is to saie, perely durynge the same two yeres, of euery person, as well suche as be bozne, vnder the kynges obeysaunce, and euery other persone, straunger bozne, denysen or not denysen, beyng resiaunte within this realme of Englande, wales, or other the kynges dominions, as all and euery fraternitees, guildes, corporacions, misteries, brotherheddes, and communaltees, coꝝ-

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porated or not corporated, within Englande wales and other the kynges dominions, beyng worthe . v. li. and vnder . x. li. for euery pounce, as wel in coyne, and the value of euery pounce, that euery suche person fraternite guilde corporacion mysterie brotherhedde and comminaltee corporate or not corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vse, as also plate, stocke of marchaundises, all maner of coynes and blades, household stuffe, and of all other goodes moueable, as well within this realme, as without, and of all suche summes of money as to him or them is owyng, wherof he or they truste in his or their conscience suerly to be payed (Except and of the premisses deducted suche summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their conscience truely intendeth to paie, And excepte also the apparell of suche persons their wyues and children, belonging to their owne bodie, sauynge iewels, gold, syluer, stone, and perle) eight pens of and for euery pounce. And also of euery person as well suche as be bozne vnder the kynges obeysance, and euery other person stranger bozne, denisen or not denisen, resiant within this realme of Englande, wales or other the kynges dominions, as all and euery corporacion fraternite, guilde, mysterie, brotherhedde, and comminaltee corporate or not corporate, beyng worthe . x. li. in gooddes, as is afore specified, and vnder the value of . xx. li. shall paie yerely durynge the saied two yeres, for euery pounce . xii. d. And likewise euery person, as well suche as be bozne vnder the kynges obeysance, and euery other persone stranger bozne, denisen or not denisen, as euery corporacion fraternite guilde mysterie brotherhed and comminaltee corporate or not corporate, beyng worthe in gooddes, as is aboue said . xx. li. and so vpwarde in gooddes, as is before said, shall paie yerely durynge the saied two yeres. xvi. d. of and for euery pounce.

AND BE it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that euery persone, as well suche as be bozne vnder the kynges obeysance, and euery other persone stranger bozne, beyng denisen or not denisen, as euery corporacion fraternite guilde mysterie brotherhed and comminaltee corporate or not corporate, yerely durynge the saied two yeres, shall paie for euery pounce, that euery the same persone, bozne vnder the kynges obeysance, and euery person stranger bozne, and euery corporacion fraternite guilde mysterie brotherhed and comminaltie corporate or not corporate or any other to his or their vse hathe in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, wardeshipp, copie of courtte rolle, or at will, of and in any honours castelles manours landes tenementes rentes seruices hereditamentes annuitees fees corrodies or other yerely profites of the yerely value of twenty shyllynges, and so vpwarde, two shyllynges of and for euery pounce. And that all summes presented and chargeable by this act either for goodes and dettes, or for landes and tenementes and the other premisses, as is in this acte contained, and beyng no full poundes, shall be yerely durynge the saied two yeres, rated sette and taxed after

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the rate and porcion therof, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte (landes and tenementes chargeable to the disme of the clergy, and perey wages due to seruauntes for their perely seruice, beyng of the summe of fourtie shillynge or vnder and not aboue, onely excepted and forpyled. And that all plate coyne iewels gooddes debtes and cattalles personals beyng in the rule and custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any person or phane, or of any corporation fraternite guilde misterie brothehed or any communaltie beyng corporate or not corporate, be and shall be rated sette and charged by reason of this act, as the value certified by the presentours of that certificat to be sworne of euery pounce in gooddes and debtes as is abouesaid: And of euery pounce in landes tenementes annitees fees corrodies or other perely profittes, as is abouesaid. And the summes that are before reherfed, sette and taxed, to be leuied and taken of them, that shall haue suche gooddes in custodie, or otherwise charged for landes as is before reherfed: And the same person or persones, and body corporate, by the auctoritee of this acte, shall be discharged agaynst hym or them, that shall or ought to haue the same at the tyme of the paiement or deliuey thereof, or at his otherwise departure from the custodie or possession of the same. Except and alwaies forpyled from the charge and asselment of this subsidie, all gooddes cattalles iewelless and ornaments of churches and chappelles, ordeined and vled in churches or chappels for the honour and seruice of almighty god. And the said subsidie shall be by thauctoritee abouesaid taxed assessed and rated accordyng to this acte, in euery shire ridyng lathe wapentake rape citec boroughe towne and euery other place within this realme of Englaund and waales & other the kynges dominions, before the. xii. daie of february perely. And the particular summes of euery shire ridyng boroughe towne and other places aforesaid, with the particular names of suche as are chargeable of and to the sayd subsidie, to be taxed and set by commissyoners to the same limited, or two of them at the leaste, with the names of the high collectours, and in the same forme shall be certified perely durynge the said two yerres, in the kynges eschequer, before the. x. daie of Marche, with the names of the high collectours of the same. And the sayd summes, in maner and fourme aforesaid taxed, shall be perely paid into the kynges receipt of his Eschequer aforesaid, to the vse of our said soueraigne lord, in euery of the said two yerres, before the fyrst daie of Aprill, durynge the said two yerres. And the summes aboue said, of and for the said subsidie, shall be taxed set asked & demaunded taken gathered leuied and paid vnto the vse of our said soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, in fourme aboue said, as well within the liberties fraunchises sanctuaries auncient demeane and other what so euer place exempt or not exempt, as without. Except such shires places and persons, as shall be forpyled in and by this present acte: any graunt, charter, prescripcion, vse or libertee by reason of any letters patentes or other priuilege prescripcion allowance of the same

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oꝛ what so euer other matier of discharge heretofore to the contrary made graunted bled oꝛ obtained not withstanding.

AN D I T I S further enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliament, that euery suche person, as well suche as be boꝛne vnder the kynges obeyssaunce, as euery other person stranger boꝛne, denisen oꝛ not denisen, inhabityng within this realme, oꝛ within wales, oꝛ other the kynges domynions, whiche at the tyme of the saied assessyng oꝛ taxacion yerely to be had oꝛ made, shal be out of this realme, and out of wales, and haue gooddes oꝛ cattalles, landes oꝛ tenementes, fees oꝛ annuities, oꝛ other profittes within this realme oꝛ in wales, shal be charged and chargeable foꝛ the same, by the certificat of the inhabitantes of the parties, where such gooddes cattalles landes tenementes oꝛ other the premisses than shal bee, oꝛ in suche other place where suche person oꝛ his factour deputie oꝛ atturney shal haue his moſte resoꝛte vnto within this realme, oꝛ in wales, in like maner as if the same person were oꝛ had been at the tyme of the same assessyng within this realme. And that euery person, abydyng oꝛ dwellyng within this realme, oꝛ without this realme, shal be charged and chargeable to the same subsidie graunted by this acte, accoꝛdyng and after the rate of suche yerely substaunce oꝛ value of landes and tenementes gooddes cattals and other the premisses, as euery person so to be charged shal be set at, in the tyme of the saied assessyng oꝛ taxacion vpon him to be made, and in none otherwise.

AN D furthermoꝛe bee it enacted, by the auctoritee aforesaid, that foꝛ the assessyng and oꝛderyng of the saied subsidie to bee due-ly hadde, the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande, the loꝛde Treasourer of Englande, the loꝛde President of the kynges mooste honorable counsell, and the loꝛde priuie seale, foꝛ the tyme beyng, oꝛ two of them at the leaste, wherof the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande foꝛ the tyme beyng to be one of them, shal and maie name and appoint of and foꝛ euery shire and rydyng and other places, as wel within this realme as in wales, and other the kynges domynions: and also of and foꝛ euery citie and towne, beyng a countie in it selfe, and of and foꝛ the Isle of wight, suche certayne nymbꝛe of persons of euery of the same Myres rydynges lathes wapentakes rapes citieſ townes and Isle of wight, and euery other place, and other the inhabitauntes of the same, to be commissioners within the same, wherof they be inhabitauntes of the same: And also of and foꝛ the honorable householdes of the kyng our soueraigne loꝛde, the queene, and the pꝛynce, certayne heade officers of the same, to bee commissioners of the same householdes, in what shires oꝛ other places the saied householders shal happen than to bee. And the loꝛde Chauncellour, and other with hym befoꝛe named, in lyke maner maie name and appoint of euery other suche boꝛoughe and towne coꝛpoꝛate, as well in Englande as in wales, and oꝛther the kynges domynions, as thei shal thinke requisite, fixe fiue foure thye oꝛ two of the head officers, and other sad and honest inhabitantes of euery

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euery of the said citees boroughes and townes corporate, according to the nombze and multitude of people beyng in the same: The whiche persons, if any suche be therunto named of the laied inhabitantes of the laied boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng countie in them selves, shalbe ioynded and put as commissioners with the persons named for suche shires & ridynges, as the laied boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng countie in them selues, be sette and haue their beyng: which persons so named for and of the laied boroughes and townes corporate, not being countie, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shal not take vpon them, nie none of them, to put any parte of their commission in execution for the premises out of the laied borough or towne corporate, wherein they beyng so named onely for the same, bee dwelling. And also not to execute the laied commission within the borough or town corporate, where they be so dwelling, but ioyntly with thre at the least of the other commissioners within the shire or ridyng, and in that commission, wherein they be so dwelling, at suche daies and tymes, as the laied other commissioners for the same shire and ridyng, shal therunto limite and appoint within the same borough or towne corporate, not beyng countie corporate, wherof they so be, and not out of suche borough or towne: And in that maner to bee aiding and assisting with the laied other commissioners, in and for the good executyng of the effecte of the laied commission, vpon peyn of euery of the laied commissioners so named for euery such cite borough and towne corporate, not beyng a countie, to make suche fine, as the laied other commissioners in the commission of and for the laied shire or ridyng so named, or thre of them at the least, shal by their discrecions sette and certifie into the kynges Eschequer, there to be leuied to the vse of our soueraigne lord the kyng, in like maner as suche or lyke summes had ben sette and rated vpon euery suche person for the laied subsidie. The which commissioners so named of and for the laied citees boroughes and townes, not beyng countie, and onely put in the said commission by reason of their dwelling in the same, shal not haue any parte of the porcion of the fees and rewarde for the commissioners and their clerkes in this acte afterwarde specified. And the Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the kynges greates seale, for the tyme beyng, shal make and direct out of the courte of chancerie, vnder the kynges great seale, seuerall commissions, that is to saie, to euery shire ridyng lathe wapentake rape cite towne borough Isle and householde, vnto suche person and persones, as by his discrecion and other with him afore appoynted and named, in like maner and forme as is afore reherfed, shal be thought sufficient for the selling and leuyng of the laied subsidie, in all shires and places, according to the true meaning of this acte: whiche commission shal be directed and deliuered to the said commissioners, or to one of them, before the. iiii. daie of Januarie, nextly duryng the laied two yeres: and to euery of the laied commissions ten sedules, conteynyng in them the tenour of this acte, shal bee affyled. By the

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the whiche commission the commissioners in euery suche commission named, accordyng to this acte, or as many of them as shall be appoynted by the kynges commission, shall haue full power and auctoritee to put the effecte of the same commission in execution. And that by auctoritee of this acte, after suche commission to them dyrected perely durynge the saied two yerres, they maie by theyr assentes and agreeementes seuer theun selues for the execution of their commission, in hundredes lathes wardes rapes wapentakes townes parishes and other places within the limittes of their saied commission, in suche fourme as to them shall seme expedient to be ordered, and betwene them to be continued and agreed, accordyng to the tenure and effecte of the commission to them therein directed: Upon whiche seuerance euery person of this present parliamente that shall be commissioner, shall be assigned in the hundrede wherein he dwelleth.

PROVIDED alwaies, that no person be or shall be compelled to be any commissioner to and for the execution of this present acte, but onely in the shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth: and that any persone beyng assigned to the contrary therof, in any wise shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this acte, or any parte therof.

AND IT IS also enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliament, that the commissioners, and euery of them, which shall be named limited and apoynted accordyng to this act, to be commissioners in euery such shire ridyng, lathes, wapentake, rape, citie, towne, borough, Isle, and the saied householdes or any other place, and none other, shall truly effectually and diligently for their parte, execute the effect of this present acte, accordyng to the tenour therof in euery behaife, and none other wise by any other meanes, without omission fauour dread malice or any other thyng to bee attempted and done by them or any of them to the contrarie hereof. And the saied commissioners or as many of them as shall be appoynted by the saied commission and none other, for the execution of the saied commission and acte, shall perely durynge the saied two yerres before the .xvi. daie of Januarie, by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them in fourme aboue saied, directe their seuerall or ioynte precepte vnto .viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. or thre or mo, as for the nombre of the inhabitantes shall be requisite, of the mooste substantiall discrete and honest persons inhabitantes to be named by the saied commissioners, or by as many of them as shall be appoynted by the saied commission of and in hundredes lathes rapes wapentakes wardes parishes townes and other places, as well within libertees frauncheses auncient demeanes places exempted and saynctuaries as without, within the limittes of the shires ridynges lathes wapentakes rapes citie townes boroughes or Isle aforesaid, and other places within the limittes of their commission, and to the constables subconstables bailiffes and other lyke officers or ministers of euery of the saied hundredes townes wardes lathes wapentakes parishes and other places before saied, as to the saied commissioners and euery nombre of them vnto
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thre of them by their discrecion in diuision, shall seme expedient, as by the maner and vse of that parties shall be requisite, straitly by the same precept charging and commaundyng the same inhabitautes constables and other officers aforesaid, to whome suche precept shall be so dyrected, to appere in their propre persons before the saied commissioners, or suche nombre of them as they shall deuide them selves, according to the tenour of the saied commission, at certayne daies and places by the saied commissioners or any nombre of them, as is aboue saied, within cities boroughes or townes corporate or without in any other place as is aforesaid, by their discretions shall be lymitted therunto, to do and accomplishe all that to them on the parte of our soueraigne lord the kyng shall be enioyned touchyng this acte: commaundyng further by the same precepte, that he, to whose handes suche precepte shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitautes or officers named in the same precepte, and that none of them faile to accomplishe the same, vpon peine of fortie shillynge to be forfaited to the kyng.

AND IT IS further ordeined by the saied auctoritee of this parliament, that the saied daie and place prefixed and lymitted in the saied preceptes, euery of the commissioners then beyng in the shire, and hauyng no sufficient excuse for his absence shall at the saied daie and place prefixed for that parte where vnto he was lymitted, appere in his propre person, and there the same commissioners beyng present, or as many as shall bee appoynted by the kynges commission, that cal or cause to be called before them the saied inhabitautes and officers, to whom they haue directed their saied preceptes, and which had in commaundement there to appere by the saied precepte of the saied commissioners: And if any person so warned, make defaulte, vnlesse he then be letted by sicknesse or laufull excuses, and that let than to be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons: or if any apperyng refuse to bee swozne in forme folowynge, to forfait to the kyng fortie shillynge: And so at euery time durynge the saied two yeres prefixed for the same cause, vnto suche tyme the nombre of euery suche persons haue appered and certified in forme vnder wyten: and euery of them so makynge defaulte, or refusynge to be swozne, to forfait to the kyng fortie shillynge: and vpon the same apperaunce had, one of the most substantiall inhabitautes or officer, so there beyng warned and apperyng before the saied commissioners, shall be swozne perely durynge the saied two yeres vpon a booke openly before the commissioners in fourme folowynge.

I shall truly enquire with my felowes, that shall bee charged with me, of the hundred wapentake warde towne or other place, of the best and moste value of the substaunce of euery person, dwellyng & abidyng within the lymittes of the places that I and my felowes shall be charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or their moste resorte vnto any of the saied places, and chargeable with any some of money by this acte of this saied subsidie, and of all other articles, that I shall be charged with, touching

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chyng the saied acte, and accoꝝdyng to the entent of the same: and ther by-
pon, as nere as it maie oꝝ shall come to my knowlage, truly to presente
and certifie befoꝝe you the names surnames and the beste and vttermoste
substaunce and values of euery of them, as well of landes and tenemen-
tes and other hereditamentes possessions and profyttes resited in the saied
acte, as of goodes cattalles dettes and other thynges chargeable by the
saied acte, without any concelement fauour loue affection dreade feare oꝝ
malice, so helpe me god and the holy contentes of this boke.

And euery other person, that shal appere there yerely by the saied pre-
ceptes, shal make lyke othe, and vpon the oth so taken as is befoꝝe saied
by thynhabitaunce and officers of euery hundred warde wapentake town
oꝝ other place, the saied commissioners shal yerely openly there reade oꝝ
cause to be red vnto them, the saied rates, and openly declare the effect of
their charge vnto thcim, in what maner and forme they ought and shulde
make their certificates accoꝝding to the rates and summes thereof aboue
saied, and of all maner of persons as wel of aliens and straungers deny-
sens oꝝ not denisens, inhabited within this realme, as of suche persons as
be boꝝne within the kynges obeyssaunce chargeable to this act, and of the
possessiōs goodes and cattalles of fraternitees guildes coꝝpozaciōs bro-
therhedes misteries and comminalties and other, as is aboue saied: and
of persons beyng in the parties of beyonde the sea, haupng goodes oꝝ cat-
talles landes oꝝ tenementes within this realme, as is befoꝝe saied: and of
all goodes beyng in custodie to the vse of any other, as is aboue saied: By
the whiche informacion and shewyng the saied persons shal haue suche
playne knowlage of the true entent of this present acte, and of the maner
of their certificate, that the same persons shal haue no reasonable cause
to excuse them by ignoꝝaunce. And after such othes, and the statute of the
saied subsidie, and the maner of the saied certificat to be made in wrytyng
conteynyng the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he bee
boꝝne without the kynges obeyssaunce oꝝ within, and the best value of e-
uery person in euery degree, as well of yerely value of landes and tene-
mentes and such like possessions and profites, as the value of goodes and
cattalles dettes and euery thyng to their saied certificat requisite and ne-
cessarie to them declared: the saied commissioners there beyng, shal by
their discretions appoynte and limitte vnto the saied persons an other day
and place to appere befoꝝe the saied commissioners, and charging the saied
persons, that they in the meane tyme shal make diligente inquirie by all
wayes and meanes of the premisles, and then and there euery of them by-
pon payne of foꝝfeiture of. xx. shillinges to the kyng, to appere at the saied
new prefixed daie and place, there to certifie vnto the saied commissioners
in wrytyng, accoꝝdyng to their saied charge, and accoꝝdyng to the true en-
tent of the saied graunte of subsidie, and as to them in maner afoꝝe saied
hath ben declared and shewed by the commissioners. At whiche daye and
place so to them prefixed, if any of the saied persons make default, oꝝ ap-
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pere and refuse to make the saied certificat: that then euery of them so offending, to fo, faite to the kyng fortie shillynge: Excepte onely a resonable excuse for his default by reason of sickenes or otherwise by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed be had. And of such as apperere by to make certificat, as is aforesaid, the saied commissioners their beyng shal take and receiue the same certificat & euery part therof, and the names values and substaunce of euery person so certified. And if the same commissioners see cause reasonable, they shal examine the saied presentours thereof: and therbpon the saied commissioners at the saied daies and place by their agrement among them selves shal perely during the said two yeres, openly there pefixe a daie at a certayn place or places within the limittes of their commission by their discrecion, for their further procedyng to the saied assessyng of the same subsidie. And therbpon at the saied daie of the saied certificat (as is beforesaid) taken, the same commissioners shal make their pcepte or pceptes to the constables subconstables bailiffes or other officers of suche hundredes wapentakes townes or other places as aforesaid, as the same commissioners shalbe of, comprising and containing in the same pcept the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the saied certificates: of whome, yf the saied commissioners or as many of them as shalbe therunto appoynted by the kinges commission, shal than haue vehement suspecte to be of moze greater value or substaunce in landes goodes cattalles or summes of money owing to them, or other substaunce beforesaid, then vpon suche person or persons shalbe certified, the same commissioners shal make their pcept or pceptes directed to the constable bailiffes or other offycers, commanding the same constables bailiffes and other officers, to whome such pcepte shal be directed, to warne suche persons, whose names shalbe comprised in the saied pcept, at their mancions or to their persons, that the same persones named in suche pceptes and euery of them, shal personally appere before the saied commissioners at the same newe pefixed day and place, ther to be swozne and examined by all waies and meanes by the saied commissioners of their greattest substaunce and beste value, and of all and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other what so euer matter concerning the premisses or any of them, acco:dyng to this acte. At whiche day and place so pefixed, the saied commissioners than there being, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appoynted by the kinges commission, shal cause to be called the saied persons, whose names shal be comprised in the saied pcept, as it is befoze said, for their examinacion. And if any of these persons, whiche shoulde be warned, as is beforesaid, to be examined whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the pefixed daie, shalbe within suche place, where he maie haue knowlage of his saied apparance to be made, make defaulte and appere not, onelesse a resonable cause, or elles a resonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons before the saied commissioners be truely alleged for his discharge: that than enery of them

them so making default, to be taxed & charged to the kyng with and at the double summes of the rate that he shulde oꝝ oughte to haue ben set at foꝝ and after the best value of his landes oꝝ substaunce vpon hym certified, if he had appered, by the discretion of the commissioners there bepng. And in lyke maner if any of them suspected, as is beforesaid, appere, and refuse to be sworne in fourme folowng: than every such offender to be taxed and charged to the kyng with and at the double summe of the rate that he shulde oꝝ oughte to haue ben set at, foꝝ and after the best value of his substaunce vpon hym certified by the said persones that made the certificate as is befoꝝe said, by the discretions of the commissioners there than bepng, and every of the persons so there and then apperyng, whose names shall be expessed in the said pꝛecepte oꝝ pꝛeceptes, and in whom any beheimt suspecte was oꝝ shalbe had in fourme abouesaid, shall trauell with the same person so suspecte, by all suche waies and meanes they can. And furthor the said commissioners, oꝝ as many of them as shall be here vnto appoynted by the said commission, by their discretions shall openly sweare the same person in this maner and fourme folowng.

I shall saythfully truely and plainely, accordyng to my knowlage shewe vnto you the kynges commissioners, and to other by you assigned, the best and greattest value oꝝ aboue of all myne perely pꝛofittes in landes tenementes rentes oꝝ suche other lyke possessions, yerely pꝛofyt and fee, and the best and greattest value of all my goodes & cattals, and summes of money to me owyng, accordyng to the graunt of this act of Subsidie, and truely answer to that I shalbe examined of, touching the pꝛemisses, without couyn oꝝ discreite, so helpe me God and the holy contentes of this boke.

AN D yf any person that shuld appere be excused in fourme aforesaid by wptnes of credible persons, the same persons shalbe examined by their othes of his oꝝ their greattest and beste value and substaunce so lackyng and excused, and by the beste of their certificat oꝝ knowlage, oꝝ of the oꝝther fyyste certificate vppon hym oꝝ them made, the same person so lackyng and excused of his apparaunce to be set and rated by the said commissioners, oꝝ otherwysse to be set and rated in this case as shall seme beste by the discretions of the said commissioners. And yf it happen to be pꝛoued by witnes, his owne confession, oꝝ other lawefull waies oꝝ meanes, within one yere after any suche othe made, that the same person so taxed and sworne, was of any greater oꝝ better value in landes goodes oꝝ other thynges aboue specified, at the tyme of his said othe, then the same person so sworne byd declare vpon his othe, That then suche person so offendyng, shall lose and foꝝsaite to the kyng four tymes so muche in lawfull money of Englande, as the same person so sworne was set and taxed at to paye foꝝ the said subsidie.

AN D that every spiritual person, duryng the said two yeres, shall be rated and set accordyng to the rate abouesaid, of and foꝝ every pound

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that the same spirituall persons or any other to his vse hath by discente bargayne or purchase in fee simple settable terme of yere terme of yeeres, by execution by warde by copie of court rolle or at will, in any manours landes tenementes rentes seruices offices fees corrodies annuities or hereditamentes, after the true iuste and pety value thereof; after and accordyng as other the kynges subiectes dome within this realme be charged in forme aboue remembred: And that it extend to the pety value of twenty shyllinges or aboue. And if any person, certified or rated by vertue of this acte, be he commissioner or other, to any maner of value, doth fynde him selfe greued with the same presentment sessyng or tassyng, and therupon complayne to the commissioners, before whom he shall be rated sessed or taxed, or before two of them, that then the said commissioners shall by all waies and meanes examine particularly and distinctly the person so complainant, and other his neighbours, by their discretion of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euery his gooddes cattalles and dettes aboue mentioned: And after due examination and perfect knowledge therof had and perceiued by the said commissioners, whiche shall haue power by auctoritee aforesaid: the said commissioners or two of them, to whom any suche complaint shall be made by their discretions, vpon the othe of the said person so complaining, make abate defalke increase or enlarge the same asselement, accordyng as it shall appere to them iuste vpon the said examination, and the same summe so abated defalked increased or enlarged by them, to be streated in forme as hereafter ensueth, so that he come before the estreates of the said assessyng be deliuered by the said commissioners into the kynges Eschequer. And if it be proued by witnesse, his owne confession, or other lausful waies or meanes within a yere after any such othe made, that the same persone so taxed and swoyne, was of any greater or better value in landes gooddes or other thynges aboue specified, at the tyme of his said othe: than the same person so swoyne, dyd declare vpon his said othe: that then euery suche person so offendyng shal lose and forfalte to the kyng foure tymes so muche in lausful monie of England, as the same person so swoyne was sette at or taxed to paye. And all persons sette rated and taxed as is aforesaid, shall be bounde and charged by the same. And the summe or summes vpon him sette to be due towarde the paiement of the subsidie, and to be leuied as hereafter shall be specified.

AND it is also enacted by the said auctoritie, that euery person petyly duryng the said two yeres, as is aforesaid, be rated taxed and sette, the summe on hym sette to be leuied at suche place, where he and his family at the tyme of the same presentment to be made, shall kepe his house or dwelling, or where he then shall be moste conuersaunt abidyng or resiant, or shall haue his moste resorte, and shalbe best knowen at the tyme of the sayde certificat to be made, and no where els. And yf any person chargeable to this acte, at the tyme of the sayde assessyng happen to be out of

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this realme, and out of Wales, or farre frome the place where he shall be knowen, then he to be sette where he was last abyding in this realme, or within wales, and beste knowen, and after the substaunce value and other pofites of euery persone knowen by the examinacion certificat and other maner of wise, as is aforesaid, the saied commissioners, or as many of them as shall be appoynted by the kynges commission, shall after the rate aforesaid sette and taxe euery persone accordyng to the rate of substance and value of landes gooddes and other pofittes, whereby the greattest and most best summe, accordyng to his moste substance by reason of this acte, ought or maie be sette or taxed.

PROVIDED alwaies that euery suche person, which shall be set or taxed for paiement of and to this subsidie for and after the yerely value of his landes tenementes or other reall possessions or pofites in any of the said two yeres, shall not be set and taxed for his gooddes and cattals or other moueable substance in the same yere. And he that shall be charged or taxed for the same subsidie for his gooddes cattals and other mouables in any of the said two yeres, shall not bee charged taxed or chargeable for his landes or other reall possessions or pofites abouesaid in the same yere: Nor that any person be double charged for the said subsidie, neither set or taxed at seuerall places by reason of this acte, any thyng contained in this present acte not withstanding.

AND that it be ordeined by the saied auctoritee of this presente parliament, that no person hauyng two mancions or two places to resorte vnto, or callynge hym selfe householde seruaut or waityng seruaut to the kynges highnesse, the Queene, the prince, or other lord or ladye, mayster or maistres, be excused vpon his sayng from the taxe of the saied subsidie in neither of the places where he maie be sette, onlesse he byyng a certificat in wrytyng from the commissioners, where that he is so set in dede at one place. And if any happen to be sette in two places, vpon certificat therof made the beste and moste summe vpon him so taxed to be taken and abide, and the other to be discharged, so that the same certificat of his assessyng and paiement be made therof in wrytyng vnder the seales of the commissioners, or of as many of them as shall be apoynted by the kynges commission: Whiche certificat so made, shall be at all tymes a sufficient discharge for hym and the collectour of the same, as well against any collectour that shall demaunde the same vpon him rated or taxed, as against the kyng and all other persons. And if any person that ought to be sette by reason of his remouing or resorcyng to two places, or by reason of his sayng that he elles where was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwelling or abyding in any place, not beyng forpyssed in this act, or any other wise by his couny or crafte happen to escape from the yerely assessyng, and be not sette, and that proued by presentment examinacion or informacion before the saied commissioners, or as many of them as shall bee by the same commission appoynted, or by the barons of the kynges eschequer, or two

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Justices of the peace of that countreie, where suche personne dwelleth: then every suche person, that by such meanes or otherwise wilfully by covyn shall happen to escape from the asselinge of the saied subsidie, or of any of thein, and not be rated taxed and sette, shall be charged upon the knowlage and pfofe thereof with and at the double value that he shuld, or ought to have been sette at afore, accordyng to his behauoure: the same double value to be leuied gathered and paid of his gooddes and cattals landes and tenementes towardes the saied subsidie: and further to be punished, accordyng to the dyscretions of the barones Justices or commissioners, befoze whome he shall be convicted for his offence and disceite in that behalfe.

AND be it further enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that the kynges maiestee shall specially name and appoynt thre or two persones and commissioners of and in every commission in every shire, which thre or two so to be named by the kynges highnesse, shall be rated sette and rated befoze the lord chauncellour of England, lord treasurer of England, and lord president of the counsaile, or two of thein, or suche thre or two persons as his highnes shall therto name and appoint, and the names of the said thre or two persons of every commission so sette rated and selled befoze the saied lord Chauncellour, lord Treasurer, lord president, or suche other as is aforesaid, with the summes and rates of the same, shall be verely durynge the said two yeres, certified and estreated with the rates and summes to bee certified estreated and paid for or by the lordes of this realme in suche sorte maner and forme as is or shall be by this acte appoynted for the same lordes, and shall be verely durynge the saied two yeres gathered leuied and accompted for by the collectours of the summes rated sette and taxed upon the saied lordes.

AND further be it enacted by the autozitee aforesaid, that the saied thre or two commissioners of every commission, by the kynges highnesse to be specially named as is aforesaid, shall have full power and autozitee by a speciall clause to bee conteyned in every suche commission, and by autozitee of this acte, to sette taxe and selle every other commissioner loyoned with them in every suche commission, for their gooddes landes and the other premises as is abovesaid: by the which said commission the saide thre or two commissioners, so to be specially named, shall indifferently set taxe and selle the residue of the saied commissioners. And that as well the summes upon every of the said commissioners so selled rated and taxed by the saied thre or two commissioners, specially named by the kynges highnes, as the summes made and presented by the presentours sworn, as is abovesaid, shall be written certified sette and estreated, and the estretes therof to be made with other the inhabitauntes of that parties within the lunittes of the same commission: and so to be gathered and leuied in like maner as it ought or shoulde have ben, if the saied commissioner had not been in the saied commission of the same place where he so dwelleth.

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And further it is enacted by the said auctorite, that the same thre or two persons in euery commission to be specially named, as is aforesaid, shall take a corporall othe befoze the said lord Chancellor, lord treasurer, lord president or other, as is aforesaid, or befoze two of them at the least, that they and euery one of them for hym selfe, shall iustly and truely without malice fauour mede dyde affection or corruption sette rate and sesse euery other commissioner ioyned or named with them in their commission, accordyng to the tenour of this present acte.

AND that euery commissioner assigned and deputed in euery shire accordyng to this acte, for the orderynge taxynge ratynge and leuynge of this subsidie, as is abouesaid, dwelling within the precinct and lymite of his commission, for his owne substance in landes and goodes aboue mentioned, shall be sesse taxed valued and rated perely durynge the said two yerres, by the examinacion taxacion and sessyng of suche thre or two of the same commissioners to be thereto assigned and auctorised by the said commission, after suche value for their goodes and landes, as is mencioned in this act.

AND that all persons of the estate of a baron or barons, and euery estate aboue, shalbe examined and charged of their freeholde and values, as is aforesaid, befoze the chancellour treasurer of Englanbe and lord priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or other persones by the kynges auctoritee to be limitted, and they to be charged perely durynge the said two yerres, after the fourme of the said graunt, accordyng to their examinacion aforesaid: And the summes vpon them sette, with the names of the collectours appoynted for the gathering and payeyng of the same, be extreated deliuered and certified at dates and places aboue specified by the said chancellour treasurer and lord priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or suche other persons as shall be limitted by the kynges hignesse. And after the taxes and asseses of the said summes vpon and by the said examinacion and certificat (as is aforesaid) made, the said commissioners, or as many of them as shall be therunto appoynted by the kynges commission, befoze the said laste daie of Marche, by the writyng, extreated of the said rate therof vnder the seales and signes manuell of the said commissioners, or of as many of them as shall be appoynted at the leaste to be made, shall be deliuered vnto sufficient and substantial inhabitantes constables subconstables bailiffes and other officers toyntly of hundredes townes parishes and other places afoze said within their limittes, or to other sufficient persons inhabitauntes of the same, only by the discrecion of the same commissioners, and as the place and parties shal require, as well the particular names and surnames as the remembzaunce of all summes of money taxed and set of and vpon euery person as wel man as woman chargeable to this acte: householder and all other inhabitantes and dwellars within the said parishes townes and places contributoze to this act of subsidie. By auctoritee of whiche writyng or estreate so delyuered to the

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saied officers oꝝ other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shal haue full power and auctoritee by vertue of this acte, immediately after the deliuerie of the saied wꝛityng oꝝ estreate, to demaunde leuie and gather of euery persone therein specified the summe oꝝ summes in the same wꝛityng oꝝ estreate comprised: And foꝝ non paiement therof to distraine the same person oꝝ persous so beyng behynde by their goodes and cattals, and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of eight daies at the costes and charges of the owner therof. And if the saied owner doo not paie suche summe of money as shalbe taxed by this acte within the same eighte daies, than the saied distresse to be appꝛised by foure thꝛe oꝝ two of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also to be sold by the saied constable and other collectour foꝝ the paiement of the saied money, and the ouerplus comyng of the sale and keepyng therof (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse. whiche saied officers and other persons so deputed to aske take gather and leuie the saied summes, shal aunswere and be charged foꝝ their poꝝtion onely to theim assigned oꝝ limited to bee gathered leuied and comprised in the saied wꝛityng oꝝ estreate, to theim as is befoꝛe saied deliuered, vnto the vse of our soueraigne loꝛde the kynge his heires and successours, and the said summe in that wꝛityng oꝝ estreate comprised, to paie vnto the high collectour oꝝ collectours of that place, foꝝ the collection of the same in maner and foꝛme vnder wꝛitten, ther vnto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitauntes and officers so gathered the same particuler summes foꝝ their collection therof, shal retepne foꝝ euery .xx.s. so by them receiued and paid. ii. d. and that to be allowed at the paiement of their collection by theim to be made to the highe collectour oꝝ collectours.

AND further be it enacted by the saied auctoritee of this pꝛesent parliament, that the saied commissioners, oꝝ the moꝛe parte of theim, as shal take vpon them the execucion and businesse of the saied commission, shal perely duryng the saied two yeres, name suche sufficient and able persons, whiche than shal haue and possede lande oꝝ other hereditamentes in their owne right of the perely value of ten pounde, oꝝ goodes to the value of C. marke at the least. And the same persons seuerally by the discrecions of the same commissioners in shires ridynges lathes wapentakes rapes cities townes coꝛporate and other what so euer places, as wel within places pꝛi- uiledged as without, not beyng foꝛpꝛised in this acte, to bee highe collectours and haue the collection and receipte of the said summes, set and leuiable within the pꝛecincte limittes and boundes where they shal bee so limited to gather and receiue, to euery of the whiche collectours so seuerally named, the saied commissioners, oꝝ two of them at the lest perely duryng the saied two yeres, befoꝛe the laste date of february, oꝝ within. vii. daies next after the saied hole summe of the saied subsidie be set by all the limittes of the same their commission, oꝝ in suche limittes as the highe collectours shalbe so seuerally assigned, shal vnder their seales and signes manu-

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mannell deliuer one estreate in parchement to euery of the same high collectours, comprisyng in it the names of al such persons as were assigned to leuie the saied particular summes, and the summes of euery hundred wapentake towne or other place aforesaid, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable accordyng to the estreat so first thereof made (as is beforesaid) deliuered: and the collectour so to be assigned, shall be charged with euenly, concordant and agreyng vnto the hole summe comprised in the saied estreate limited to his collection, as is aforesaid.

PROVIDED alwaies, & bee it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saied commissioners, hauing auctoritee by this acte to name and nominate the saied highe collectours of the saied subsidie, yerely durynge the said two yerres, shall immediately vpon their nominacion and election take by auctoritee of this present parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or obligatiōs, without any fee or reward to be paid therfoze of euery persone so by them to be named to be highe collectour, to be bounden to the king in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorced and made vpon suche condicion, that if the saied collectour, his heires or executours do truly content and paie to the vse of the kyng, his heires or executours in his receipt of his eschequer befoze the first daie of Apryll than next ensuyng, so muche of the said summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection as he shall collect and gather: and content and paie the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: That then the saied recognisaunce or obligacion to be voyde, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue, whiche recognisaunce or obligacion so taken, the saied commissioners shall certifie and delyuer into the kynges eschequer, with the certificate of the saied taxacion and rate of the saied subsidie, at and by the tyme to them prescribed and appoynted by this acte, vpon peine of forfaiture of. x. li. to the kyng for euery recognisaunce or obligacion not certified. And that euery suche collectour so elected named and chosen vpon request to him made, shall knowlage and make the saied recognisaunce or obligacion, vpon like peine and forfaiture of. x. li. to the kyng for the refusal therof: and euery suche collectour, so yerely deputed, hauyng the saied estreate in parchement, as is aforesaid, shall haue auctoritee by this acte, yerely durynge the saied two yerres, to appoynte daies and places within the circuit of his collection for the payement of the saied subsidie to hym to be made, and therof to gyue warning by proclamation or otherwysse to all the saied constables or other persons or inhabitantes hauyng the charge of the particular collection within the hundredes parishes townes or other places by hym or them limited, to make payment for their said particular collection of euery summe as to them shal apperteyne: and if at the said date and place so limited and prefixed by the said collectour, the saied constables officers or other persons or inhabitantes (as is befoze said) for the saied particular collection appoynted and assigned

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gued within suche hundred citie towne or other place, do not passe vnto the saied collectours the summe within their severall hundredes townes parishes and other places due and comprised in the saied estreates therof to them deliuered by the saied commissioners or some of them, as is beforesaid, or so muche therof as they haue by any meane receyued. ii. d. of euery pounce for the saied particular collection, as is beforesaid, alwaies to be therof allowed excepted and abated: that than it shall bee lafull to the saied highe collectours and euery of them, and to their assignes to distreigne euery of the saied constables officers and other inhabitauntes for their saied severall and particular collection of the saied summes comprised in the saied estreate and writyng therof, to them and euery of them, as is befoze expressed deliuered, or for alinuche of the same summe as so than shall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behynde and vn timered, by the gooddes and cattals of euery of them so beyng behynde, and the distresse so taken, to be kepte appreyssed and solde as is aforesaid. And therof to take and leuie the summe so than beyng behynde and vn timered, and the ouerplus commyng of the sale of the saied distres (if any be) to bee restozed and deliuered vnto the owner in forme aboue remembred.

PROVIDED alwaies, that no person inhabitid in any citie borough or towne corporate, shall be compelled to be assessour or collectour of or for any parte of the saied subsidie, in any place or places out of the saied citie borough or towne corporate where he dwelleth.

AND it is also by the saied auctoritee enacted, that yf any inhabitaunte or officer, or what so euer persone or persons charged to and for the collection or receipt of any part or portion of the saied subsidie, in any of the saied two yerres, by any maner of meane, acco dyng to this act, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keper gardian depute factour or attourney of and for any other person or persons, of any gooddes and cattalles, and the owner therof at the tyme of the saied assessyng to be made, beyng out of this realme, or in any other parties not knownen: or of and for the gooddes and cattalles of any other person or persons of any corporation fraternitee guylde misterie or other what so euer comminaltye, beyng incorporated or not incorporated, and al persons hauing in their rule gouernaunce or custodie any gooddes or cattalles at the tyme of the saied assessyng, or any of them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by collection or for him selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule gouernaunce or custodie of any gooddes or cattalles of any other person or persons fraternitee guylde corporation comminaltie or misterie, or any such other lyke, or as factour depute or attourney of or for any person, shall be taxed rated valued and set to any summe or summes by reason of this act: and after the taxacion or assessyng vpon any suche persone or persons as shall be charged with the receipte of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his gooddes and cattalles be so elained, or in suche priuie and couerte maner kepte, and the saied person or per-

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or persons charged with the same by extreates or other wytyng from the
saied commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appoynt-
ed by the saied commission (as is aforesaid) can ne male leuie the same
summe or summes compysed within their saied extreates by distresse
within the limittes of theyr collection, as is befoze said, or can not selle
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to bee made in the kynges receipte: than vpon relacion therof made with
dewe examinacion by the othe or examinacion of suche person or persons
as shal be charged with and for the receipte and collection of the same, be-
foze the saied commissioners, or as many of them as by the saied com-
mission shall be thereunto appointed, where suche persone or persons or
other, as is aforesaid, their goodes and cattalles were set and taxed: and
vpon plaine certificat therof made into the kynges eschequer by the same
commissions, aswell of the dwelling place names and summes of the
saied persons, of whom the saied summes can not be leuied and had, as is
beforesaid, then aswell the constables and other inhabitantes appoynted
for the particular collection, agaynst the high collectors, as the high colle-
ctour vpon his accompt in the saied eschequer to be discharged therof, and
proces to bee made for the kyng out of the saied eschequer, by the discre-
cions of the barons of the saied eschequer, agaynst suche person his hei-
res or executours, so beyng behynde with his paiement. And ouer that
the same commissioners, to whome any suche declaration of the premisses
shall be made in fourme aforesaid from tyme to tyme, shall haue full po-
wer and auctoritee, durynge the saied two yeres, to directe their precept or
preceptes vnto the saied person or persons, charged with any summe, of
for or vpon any such person or persons or other as is abouesaid, or to a-
ny chieffes stuarde bailiffe or other what so euer officer minister persone
or persons of suche place or places, where any suche person or persons so
owynge suche summe or summes shall haue landes and tenementes or o-
ther hereditamentes or reall possessions goodes or cattalles, whereby any
suche person or persons so indebted, his heires executours or assignes, or
other haupng the custodie gouernaunce or disposicion of any goodes cat-
talles landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, whiche ought or maie
by this acte lauefully be distreigned or taken from the same, hath and shal
haue goodes cattals landes tenementes & other possessions, wherof suche
summe or summes, whiche by any suche person or persons maie or ought
to be leuied, be it within the limite of suche commission, where such person
or persons was or were taxed or without in any place within this realme
of England Wales or other the kynges dominions marches or territories:
By whiche precepte as well suche persone or persones as shall be charged
to leuie suche money, as the officers of the place or places, where suche di-
stresse maie be taken, shall haue full power and auctoritee to distreigne e-
uerp suche person indebted charged or chargeable by this act, or his exe-
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cutours or administratours of his goodes and cattalles, his gardians factours deputies lessees fermours and assignees and all other persones, by whose handes or out of whose landes any suche person shoulde haue rent fee annuittie or any other profite, or whiche at the tyme of the saied assessynges shall haue goodes or cattalles or any other thyng mouable of any suche persone or persones beyng indebted, or owynge suche summe: And the distresse so taken, cause to be kepte appzeised and sold in lyke manner and forme as is aforesaid for the distresse to be taken vpon persones to be taxed to the saied subsidie, and beyng sufficient to distreigne within the limittes of the collectours inhabitauntes or other officers, charged with or for the same summes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any suche distresse for non paiement happen to be taken out of the limite of the persones charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persones so charged for the leuie of euery suche summe by distresse, shall perceyue and take of the same distresse for the labour of euery person goyng for the execucion thereof, for euery myle that any such person so labourerth for the same. ii. d. And euery fermour tenaunt gardian factour or other what so euer persone beyng distreigned or otherwise charged for paiement of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this act, shalbe of suche summe or summes of hym or them so leuied and taken discharged and acquitted at his next date of paiement of the same, or at the deliuerie of suche goodes and cattalles, as he that is so distreigned had in his custodie or gouernance, agaynst hym or them that shal be so taxed and sette: any graunt or wrytynge obligatorie, or other what soo euer mattier to the contrarye made heretofore not withstandyng. And yf any suche personne, that shoulde be so distreigned, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, wherby he or his tenauntes and fermours maie be distreigned, or hath eloynd aliened or hydde his goodes and cattals, wherby he shulde or myght be distreigned, in suche maner, that suche goodes and cattalles shall not be knowen or founde, so that the summe of or by hym to be paid in the saied forme, shal ne can be conueniently leuied: than vpon relacion thereof vnto the commissioners, or to as many of them as by the saied commission shal be therunto appoynted, where suche person or persons was taxed and set by the othes of hym or them that shal be charged with the leuie and paiement of that summe or summes, the same commissioners shall make a precept in suche maner as is aforesaid, for to attache take and arrest the body of suche persone or persones that ought to paie the saied summes, and by this acte shall bee charged with and for the same summe or summes: and them so taken saufely to kepe in the prison, within the shire or other place where any suche persone or persons shall be taken and attached, there to remayne withouts baile or mainpryse, vntill he haue paid the summe or summes that suche persons for hym selfe or for any other by this act shall be chargeable or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees of euery suche arrest to hym or them that shall execute suche precept. xx. d. And that

that every officer, unto whom such precepte shall be directed, do his true diligence to execute the same upon every person so being indebted, upon pain to forfeite to our said sovereign lord the being for every default in that behalf. xx. s. And that no keeper of any gaile, from his gaile suffer any such person to go at large by letting to baile, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he have paid his said debt, and the said xx. s. for the said arrest, upon pain to forfeit to our sovereign lord. xl. s. and the same gaile to pay unto our said sovereign lord the double value as well of the rate, which the said person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the said xx. s. for the fees. And lyke processe and remedie in lyke forme shall be graunted by the said commissioners, or as many of them as by the said commission shall be thereunto appointed, at like information of every person or persones being charged with any summe of money for any other person or persones by reason of the said subsidie, every of the said two peres, and not thereof paid, but wilfully withdrawn, ne the same leivable within the limite where such person was therunto taxed. And if the summe or summes being behind unpaid by any person or persons, as is before said, be leuied and gathered by force of the said processe to be made by the same commissioners, or if in default or for lacke of paiement thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe or summes of money by processe of the same commissioners to be made (as is aforesaid) be committed to prison in forme abovesaid: that than the same commissioners, which shall awarde such processe, shall make certificat thereof in the said Eschequer, of that shall be done in the premisses, in the terme next following after such summe or summes of money so being beynde, shall be leuied and gathered, or such persone or persones for none paiement of the same committed to prison. And if it happen any of the said collectours, to be assigned, or any mayre sheriffe steward constables, the hedboroughes householder bailiffe or any other officer or minister, or other what so ever person or persones, to disobey the said commissioners or any of them in the reasonable request to them made by the said commissioners for verely execution of the said commission duringe the said two peres, or if any of the officers or other persons do refuse that to them shall appertayne or belonge to doo by reason of any precepte to hym or them to be directed or any reasonable commaundement instance or request touching the premisses, or other defaulte in any apparance or collection to make, or if any person being suspect or not to be indifferently taxed as is aforesaid, doo refuse to be examined accordyng to the tendour of this acte, before the said commissioners, or as many of them as shall be therunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or will not appere before the same commissioners upon warnyng to him made, or els make resistance or rescous upon any distresse upon hym to be taken for any parcell of the said subsidie, or committe any misbehauour in any maner of wise contrary to this acte, or committe any wilfull omission or other what so ever wylfull non doing

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png or mysdoynge contrary to the tenour of this acte or graunte: the same commissioners, and every number of them above remembred vnto this of them at the lest, vpon probable knowlage of any such misdoynge had by information or examination, shal or do set vpon every suche offendour for every suche offence in name of a fine by the same offendour to be forfayted .xx.s. or vnder, by the discrecion of the same commissioners: And further the said commissioners, and every numbre of them to.ii. of them at the lest, shal haue auctorite by this present parliament, to punte the every suche offendour by imprisonment, there to remaine and to be deliuered by their discrecion, as shal seme to them conuenient: The said fines (if any suche be) to be certified by the said commissioners, that so assessed the same, in to the said kynges eschequer, there to be leuyed and payed by the collectours of that parties for the said subsidie retourned into the said Eschequer, to be there with charged with the paiement of the said subsidie, in suche maner as if the said fines had been sette and taxed vpon the said offendours for the said Subsidie:

IT IS also enacted by the sayd auctorite of this presente parliament, that every of the sayd hyghe collectours, which shal accompte for any part of the said subsidie in the kynges eschequer, vpon their seuerall said accomptes to be yelden, shal be allowed perely durynge the said two yeres for every pounce linnitted to his collection, wher of any suche collectour shal be charged and yelde accompte. vi. d. as parcell of their sayed charge, that is to saie. ii. d. of every pounce therof for suche persons as then haue had the particular collection in the townes and other places (as is aforesaid) specified in his collection, and other. ii. d. of every pounce therof, every of the said chiefe collectours there accomptant, to receyue to theyr owne vse for their labour and charge in and about the premisses, and. ii. d. of every pounce residue to be deliuered allowed and payd by the said collectours, so beyng thereof allowed, to suche of the commissioners as shal take vpon them the busynesse and labour for and about the premisses: that is to saie, every collectour to paie that commissioner or commissioners, whiche had the orderyng and the wrytinges of and for the said subsidie, where the said collectour or collectours had their collection, for expences of the said commissioners so takynge vpon them the said busynesse and labour of their clerkes wrytyng the said preceptes and estreates for the said collections, the same last. ii. d. of every pounce to be deuided amongst the said commissioners, haupng regarde to the labour and busynesse taken by them and theyr said clerkes in and about the premisses. For whiche part so to the said commissioners attaynyng, the said commissioners sixe fine fourthe or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appointed by the kynges commission and every of them soynely and seuerally for his or their said part maie haue his remedie agaynst the said collectour or collectours, whiche there of been or myghte haue been allowed, by accion of dette, in whiche the defendaunt shal not wage his lawe, neither protection in iurisdiction

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or other esoyne shall be allowed.

And that no person now beyng of the nombze of the company of this present parliament, nor any commissioner shall be named or assigned to be any collectour subcollectour or presentour of the said subsidy, or of any part therof, nor no commissioners shall be compelled to make any presentment or certificat, other than in the kinges eschequer, of for or concerning the said subsidie or any parte thereof in any of the said two yerres. And likewise that none other person that shall be named or assigned to be commissioner in any place to and for the execucion of this acte of subsidie in any of the said two yerres, be or shall be assigned or named head collectour in any of the same two yerres, of the said subsidie, neither of any part thereof. And that euery suche person or persons, whiche shall be named and appoynted (as is aforesaid) to be head collectours in and for one of the said two yerres, shall not be compelled to be collectour for the other and laste yere: and the said collectours, whiche shall be assigned for the collection of the said subsidie, or for any part therof, and euery of them be and shall be acquitted and discharged of all maner fees rewardes and of euery other charge in the kynges eschequer or elles where, of them or any of them by reason of that collection paiement or accomptes, or any thing concernynge the same to be asked. And that if any person receiue & take any fees rewardes or plesures of any such accoptant: that than he shall forfait to the king for euery peny or value of peny so taken. xx. d. & suffer imprisonment at the kynges plesure. And after the taxing and assessing of the said yerely subsidie (as is beforesaid) had and made, and the said estreats therof in parchment vnto the collectours (in maner and fourme befoze rehersted) deliuered, the said commissioners, whiche shall take vpon them the execucion of this act within the limittes of their commission, by their agrementes shall haue metynge together, at whiche meetynge euery of the said commissioners, which than shall haue taken vpon them the execucion of any parte of the said commission, shall by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputie truely certifie and bring furth vnto the other commissioners, named in the said commission, the certificate and presentment made befoze hym and such other commissioners as were limited with him in one limite, so that the same certificates may be accompted and cast with other certificates of the other limittes within the same commission: and than the said commissioners, and euery nombze of them vnto two at the least (as is aforesaid) if they be in life, or their executours or administratours of their goodes if they be than dead, shall ioyntly and seuerally as they were deuided within their limittes vnder their seales yerely durynge the said two yerres, by their discrecion make one or seueral writynge indented conteynynge in it as well the names of the said collectours by the commissioners for suche collection and accompte in the eschequer and paiement in the said receipt deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seueral summes written vnto euery suche collectour to receiue the said subsidie: and also all fines amer-

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amentes and other forfeitures, if any such by reason of this acte happen
 to be within the precinct and limite of their commission, to be certified in-
 to the kinges eschequer by the saied commissioners perery during the saied
 two yerres by the saied tenth date of Marche, in which wytyng or wytyng-
 ges indented, so to be certified, shall be plainly declared and expessed as
 well the holl and intier summe and summes of the saied subsidie seuerally
 limited to the collection of the saied collectours, as the names of the saied
 collectours seuerally deputed and assygned to the collection of the saied
 summes, so that none of the saied collectours so certified in the saied esche-
 quer, shall be compelled there to accompte or to be charged, but onely to
 and for the summe limited to his collection, and not to or for any summe
 limited to the collection of his felowes, but that euery of them shal be se-
 uerally charged for their partes limited to their collection. And if the saied
 commissioners, ioined in one commission, emonges the selves in that matter
 can not agree, or if any of the be not redy or refuse to make certificat with
 other of the same commissioners: that than the same commissioners maie
 make seuerall indentours (in forme aforesaid) of their seuerall limittes or
 separacions of collectours within the limittes of theyr commission, vpon
 and in the hundredes wardes wapentakes lathes rapes or suche other
 lyke deuisions within their saied seuerall limittes of their commission, as
 the places there shal require to be seuered and deuided, and as to the same
 commissioners shall seme to make deuisions of their limittes or collections
 for the seuerall charges of the same collectours, so that alwaie one colle-
 ctour shal be charged and accompte for his part to him to be limited one-
 ly by him selfe, and not for any summe limited to the part of any of his
 felowes, and the charge of euery of the collectours to be set and certified
 seuerally vpon them: and euery suche collectour, vpon his accompte and
 paiement of the summes of money limited within his collection, to be se-
 uerally by him selfe acquitted and discharged in the saied eschequer, with-
 out payng any maner of fees or rewardes to any person or persones for
 the same, vpon the peyne and penaltie last abouesaid, and not to be char-
 ged for any porcion of any other collectours. And if any commissioner af-
 ter he hath taken certificat of them that (as is aforesaid) shall befoze any
 suche commissioner be examyned, and the summes rated and set, and the
 bookes and wytynges therof beyng in his handes: or if any collectour or
 other person charged with any receipte of any part of any of the saied sub-
 sidie. xv. or. x. or any other person taxed or otherwise by this acte charged
 with and for any percell of the saied subsidie, or with any other summes,
 for fine amerciamment penaltie or other forfeiture, happen to die befoze su-
 che commissioner collectour or other what so euer person or persons haue
 executed accomplished satisfied or sufficiently discharged it, which to eue-
 ry suche person shall apperteyne or belonge to do, accordyng to this acte:
 than the executours and heires of euery suche person, and all other sealed
 of any landes or tenementes that any such person beyng charged by this
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acte, and deceassynge befoze he be discharged therof, oꝛ any other to his vse onely had of estate of inheritauce at the tyme that any suche person was named commissioner, collectour, oꝛ in any other wyse charged with and foꝛ any maner of thyng to be done satisfied oꝛ payed, by reason of this act, and all these that haue in their possessions oꝛ handes any goodes oꝛ cattalles, that were to any suche person at the tyme of his death, landes oꝛ tenementes that were the same persons at the tyme that he was (as is afoze saied) charged by this act, shall be by the same compelled and charged to do and accomplishe in euery case as the same person, so beyng charged, shoulde haue done and mighte haue ben compelled to dooe, if he had ben in playne life, after suche rate of the landes and goodes of the saied commissioner oꝛ collectour, as the partie shall haue in his handes. And if the same commissioners foꝛ causes reasonable them mouyng shall thynke it not conueniente, to ioyne in one certificat, as is befoze saied: than the saied person oꝛ persons that shall firste ioyne together, oꝛ he that shall fyrst certifie the saied wrytyng indented, as is afozesaied, shall certifie all the names of the commissioners of that commission, wherbyon such wrytynges shalbe there than to be certified, with diuisions of the hundꝛedes wapentakes wardes tithynges oꝛ other places to and amonge suche commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same commissioners, where suche separacions and diuisions shal be, with the grosse summes of money as wel of and foꝛ the saied subsidie taxed oꝛ set of oꝛ within the saied hundꝛedes wardes wapentakes oꝛ other places to hym oꝛ them diuided oꝛ assigned; that shall so certifie the saied firste wrytyng, as of fynes amerciamentes penalties and other foꝛfaitures, if any happen to be within the same limyttes, wherof the same wrytynges shall be certified: and after suche one wrytyng indented, whiche (as is afozesaied) shall be certified, and not conteyne in it the hole and ful summes set and taxed within the limyttes of the same commission, the other commissioners of the same, euery of the saied two yerres at the laste daie of Marche yerely, oꝛ within eyght daies than next immediately folowynge, shall certifie in to the saied Eschequer by their wrytyng oꝛ wrytynges indented to be made, as is befoze saied, the grosse and seuerall summes set and taxed within the places to theim limited foꝛ the saied subsidie, and other fynes amerciamentes penalties and foꝛfaitures, with the names of the hundꝛedes wardes wapentakes and other places to them assigned: oꝛ elles by their saied wrytynges indented to certifie at the saied place by the saied. x. daie of Marche, oꝛ within .viii. daies next folowynge reasonable causes foꝛ their excuses, why they maie not make suche certificate of and foꝛ the saied subsidie, with fynes amerciamentes penalties and other foꝛfaitures growynge oꝛ set by reason of the causes of their lettes, oꝛ of their non certifying, as is aboue saied, oꝛ els in defaute therof, proces to be made out of the kynges eschequer against the saied commissioners and euery of them not makynge certificate, as is afoze saied, by the discrecion of the treasourer and barons of the saied eschequer.

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And be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that as well all suche persons as shal haue any collection or receipt of the saied subsidie and. xv. and. x. or any parte therof at the receiptes of the kynges eschequer or els where in any other place or places within this realme of Englande and Wales, as all other the kynges subiectes shal at all and euery tyme hereafter frome hensforth, and frome the feast of the purification of our lady next ensuyng, by the space of one holle yere nexte folowynge, take and not refuse in any paiemente any Ducates crownes crusadowes or any other golde coined in the parties beyonde the sea, beryng their true waight, accordyng to suche value as was limited by the last proclamation thereof made. And if any person hereafter that shal haue the receipt or any collection of the saied subsidie, or of any parte thereof to the vse of our saied soueraigne lord the kyng, at the receipte of his eschequer or elles where in any shire ridyng citie towne or other place, do refuse or denye to take in paiement of the saied subsidie or any parte or parcell therof, golde grotes halfe grotes or pennies or any of them, if any refusell of any suche golde grotes halfe grotes or pennies or any of them be had in the saied receipt or els where, contrary to the proclamation therof made, as is aforesaid, and that proued by witnes informacion examinacion or otherwyle before the kynges iustices of either bench, or before the barons of his eschequer, or any of them: or if any suche refusell of any such gold grotes halfe grotes or pennies or any of them be had by any collector or other person hauyng the gathering of the saied subsidie, or. xv. & x. or of any part therof in any shire ridyng citie towne or other place, and that the refusell as is aforesaid be proued by witnes informacion examinacion or otherwise before any iustices of peace maire bailiffe or other head officer of that shire ridyng citie towne or other place where such refusell is had: than the person or persons that so offered & tended the said gold grotes halfe grotes or pennies or any of them that shalbe so refused in dede, shalbe of that summe so tended and refused quiet and discharged by this acte against our soueraigne lord the kyng, and the other person or persons that refused the same, in like wise as if he had paied the same golde grotes halfe grotes or pennies or any of them, without any bill taile or other discharge therof to be had or shewed. and the saied receiours collectours or other person that shal refuse the saied golde grotes halfe grotes or pennies or any of them, shalbe charged with the summes so refused to and againste our saied soueraigne lord inlyke forme as if he had receiued the same summe in dede. And that all and euery other person and persons shal receiue and take the said golde grotes halfe grotes and pennies or any of them, after the rates and value therof and as the saied golde grotes halfe grotes and pennies or any of them be coined for and nowe currant, as well of and by the officers of our saied soueraigne lord, as of euery other person or persons, in all receiptes and
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paiementes from hense forth to be made oꝛ hadde, vpon paine of imprisonment of euery person refusyng suche goldeſ grotes halfe grotes and penies oꝛ any of theim, oꝛ otherwise to be punished by discrecion of the iustices of peace maieres shiriffes, bailiffes oꝛ other head officer of euery shire citie borough oꝛ towne within this realme.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the inhabitantes of the parische of seinct Martin called Staunford baron in the suburbes of the borough and towne of Staunford, on the southe part of the water there called Wellande, which hereafter shalbe contributoꝛie to the paiement of this present subsidie granted to the kinges highnes his heires oꝛ successours, shalbe assessed rated and taxed foꝛ this tyme by suche commissioners, whiche shalbe appoynted foꝛ the ratyng and sellyng of suche subsidie oꝛ taxe within the countie of Lincolne, and shal be foꝛ this tyme contributoꝛies and paie the said subsidie to the collectour oꝛ collectours, which shalbe assigned and appoynted foꝛ the leuiyng and gathering of the same, with the aldermen and burgesses of the said borough and towne of Staunford.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that euery persone and persones, hauyng any manours landes tenementes oꝛ other hereditamentes chargeable to the paiement of the subsidie graunted to the kynges maiestee by this act, and also hauyng spirituall possessions chargeable to his said maiestee by the graunt made by the clergie of this realme in their conuocation, and ouer this hauyng substaunce in goodes and cattalles chargeable by this said acte : that than if any of the said person oꝛ persons be hereafter charged assessed and taxed foꝛ the said manours landes and tenementes and spirituall possessions, and also assessed charged and taxed foꝛ his oꝛ their gooddes and cattalles, that than he oꝛ they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this acte foꝛ his oꝛ their said manours landes tenementes hereditamentes oꝛ spiritual possessions, oꝛ onely foꝛ his said goodes and cattalles, the beste of all to bee taken foꝛ the kyng, and not to be charged foꝛ bothe oꝛ double charged foꝛ any of theim: any thyng in this acte contened to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also that this graunt of subsidie, noꝛ any other thyng therein contened, do in any wise extend to charge the inhabitautes oꝛ dwellers within Irelande, Bolloigne and the countie of the same, Callais, Hammes Guisnes, and the marches of the same, Jernesey and Garnesey oꝛ any of theim, of foꝛ oꝛ concernyng any manours landes tenementes oꝛ other possessions gooddes cattalles oꝛ other moueable substaunce, whiche the said inhabitantes oꝛ dwellers, oꝛ any other to their vse haue within Irelande Bolloigne the countie of the same, Callais Hammes Guisnes oꝛ other marches of the same, Jernesey Garnesey oꝛ in any of them, of foꝛ oꝛ concernyng any fees oꝛ wages, whiche any of the said inhabitautes oꝛ dwellers haue of our soueraigne loꝛde the kyng foꝛ their attendance and doyng seruice to our said soueraigne loꝛde in Irelande Bolloigne Callis

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Hamme Gypsnes and the marches of the same, Fernesey and Barnesey, or in any of them: any thyng in this present acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided also that the saied graunt of subsidie in fourme abouesaid to be taxed and leuied, nor the saied subsidie nor any parte therof in any maner of wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitantes or resiauntes at this present tyme within the fiue portes corporate, or to any of their membres incorporate, or vnited to the same fiue portes, or to any of the same fiue portes, of or for any parte or persell of the saied summes graunted in this presente parliament of the saied inhabitauntes now resiauntes or any of them to be taxed set asked leuied or paid for any their landes tenementes goodes and cattalles beyng within the limittes of the saied fiue portes: but that the said inhabitauntes and now resiauntes of the saied fiue portes and theyr membres, and euery of them, be and shalbe of and from the saied graunte and paiement of the saied subsidie, and of and from euery part and parcel of the same, duryng their resiauncie there and no longer, be in fourme abouesaid acquitted and discharged: any matter or what so euer other thyng in this present acte made or had to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided also that this present act of subsidie, ne any other thing therein conteined extende to any of the englishe inhabitantes or resiauntes in any of the counties of Northumberland Cumberlande Westmerlade the towne of Barwik the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne and the bishoprike of Durham, nor to any of them, of for or concerning any manours landes tenementes or other possessiōs goodes cattals or other moueable substāce whiche the same inhabitauntes or dwellers or any other to their vse, haue within the said counties of Northumberland Cumberland Westmerland or the towne of Barwik the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the bishoprike of Durham or any of them, or of for or concernyng any fees or wages, whiche any of the same inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of our soueraigne lord the kyng for their attendaunce and doing seruice to our said soueraigne lord the king for the said counties of Northumberland Cumberland Westmerland the towne of Barwik the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne and the bishoprike of Durham or in any of them, to or for the saied taxyng leuyng gatheryng or paiement: but that the englishe inhabitauntes and resiauntes and euery of them, of the saied counties bishoprike and townes and of euery of them, shalbe of and from the said subsidie and of euery parcel therof, of and for their manours landes tenementes fees and wages goodes and cattalles lyng and beyng in the same counties townes and bishoprike or any of them, vtterly acquitted and discharged, any thyng in this present act befoze reherled to the contrarie not withstandyng.

Prouided also, that al letters patentes granted by the kinges highnes or any of his most noble progenitours, to any cities boroughes or townes within

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Withi this realme, of any maner of liberties priueleges or exemptions fro the burdaine and charge of any such grantes of Subsidies, whiche be at this p̄sent time in force and baileable, shall remayne good and effectual to the saied cities boroughes and townes hereafter, according to the purp̄os̄es therof, though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vpon the great and weighty considerations of the kynges maiesties great and inestimable charges befoze exp̄essed, be for this graunt charged and contributory in like maner fourtine and sozte, as al other cities boroughes and townes, whiche be not in any wyse so priuileged, or frome suche grauntes of subsidie excepted.

¶ And where the kinges maiestie vpon great and vrgent causes and considerations mouing his highnes this p̄sent yere, did by the aduise of his most honorable counseilours take receiue and leuie of vs his louing subiectes of our beneuolence and good willes certayne summes of money, be yng vpon vs the same subiectes according to our habilities rated set and taxed by certain his highnes commissioners in that behalfe appointed and assigned, and his highnes hath likewise receiued and gathered by waie of anticipacion of vs his louing subiectes a parte and porcion of the thirde and last part of one other subsidie graunted to his highnes at his gr̄at parliament holden at westminster the. xxviii. yere of his most graciouse rigne accordyng to such rates taxes and assellements as were had made and p̄sented of and for the second part of the saied former subsidie of the whiche saied anticipacion part therof remayneth as yet vnpaid. Wherefoze be it ordeined & enacted by the auctoritee of this p̄sent parliamente, that the said beneuolence & anticipacion so set rated taxed charged gathered leuiet and paid, or taxed or set to be paid, and al other thynges and actes touchyng or concerning the same beneuolence & anticipacion or any part of thum or of any of them, or the leuieng or paiement thereof by any waies or meanes, be and shall be by the same auctoritee iudged demed and taken to be laufull good fyrmie stable right necessary and expedient to all intentes constructions and purposes: Any matier statute or lawe had or made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And be it iurther enacted by the auctoritee abouesaid, that all and euery such person and persons, whiche now be or hereafter shall be named or appoynted to gather receyue or leuie any part of the saied beneuolence or anticipacion, so sette rated or taxed shall from tyme to tyme distreigne the goodes and cattals as well of al and euery person or persons now set rated & taxed to any paiement of any part of the saied beneuolence or anticipacion, being now vnpaid to his highnes, as the heires and executours of euery of them so set rated or taxed and as yet not paid, and the same goodes and cattalles so distreined, or as muche therof as shall amounte to the same and value of the saied beneuolence or anticipacion, so charged set or taxed and vnpaid, after the ful end and determination of eight daies after the saied distresse so taken, shall and maie sell to any person or persons

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Tons as the value therof extendeth vnto, and to take and receiue so much of the money therof comyng as shall amount to the saied summe set rated and taxed and not paid, and the reste and residue thereof after the costes and charges of the saied collectour payed and deducted, to contente and paie to the owner of the saied goodes and cattalles. And that the saied high collectours that haue oꝛ shall receiue gather oꝛ leuie any part of the saied beneuolence oꝛ anticipation beyng not yet paid by the saied high collectour to suche person oꝛ persons as now be oꝛ hereafter shall be limited oꝛ appointed by the kyng to receiue the same to the kynges vse, shall before the secounde daie of Februarie next comyng, oꝛ within one moneth next ensuing the receite therof, content and paie the same taxacion and assessment to the saied person oꝛ persons as be oꝛ shall be appointed and assigned by the kinges highnesse to receiue the same to the vse of the kinges maiestee: And that al acquitances made and to be made by any such person oꝛ persons appoynted oꝛ to be appoynted to and foꝛ the receite of the saied beneuolence oꝛ anticipation oꝛ of any part therof, shall be by the saied auctoritee iudged and deemed a good and sufficient discharge and acquittall therof: Any thyng in this present acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Enacted alwaies, and bee it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that no orphan within the age of .xvi. yerres shall be charged to any paiement of this subsidy foꝛ his goodes and cattalles, but onely such as haue in goodes cattalles plate money oꝛ sperat debtes to the summe of .xx. li. sterlynges oꝛ aboue: any thing in this present act contained to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

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